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LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE

1756

(VOLUME No. XXXI.)

No. 1.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

The President having acquainted us you are in want of a supply of money, We now send you twenty Thousand Pagodas by forty Peons.

The Select Committee having communicated to us a Letter transmitted to them by Mr. Starke from Major Lovat on behalf of himself and the other Gentlemen of the Regiment who sat on Colonel Herons Court Martial repr[esent] that the expences they have been at on that Account, amount to two hundred and sixty one Pagodas but submitting either to be allowed that sum or the Usual Batta; You may pay Major Lovatt the above sum and acquaint him [that] it is not usual to allow Batta on any Occasion except [on the] Nabobs service, You will also desire Colonel Bagshot [his] acceptance of one Hundred Pagodas on the same a[ccount] for himself.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 15TH. JANUARY 1756.

No. 2.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

In answer to your Letter of the 10th. Instant, we are sorry to observe that a deficiency has happen'd in your Cash. The Companys orders are positive that in such cases the Cash keeper shall be answerable and we are therefore under a necessity of directing that on receit hereof the Deputy Governour pay in the sum that is wanting to Compleat the true Ballance. We must add that his having entrusted the Shroff solely with the Charge of the Cash as you mention in your Letter was very wrong. The shroff is properly no more than a Teller, and if the Cash Keeper entrusted him further it must be at his own risk not the Companys.

Mr. Massey your Surgeons Mate having represented that thrô want of health he is become incapable of giving due attendance in your Hospital and having requested our Indulgence that he may reside here sometime to endeavour his recovery, you will acquaint him that he has our permission to do so and that

you may not want proper assistance We have appointed Mr. Stephen Brigs a Surgeons Mate, in the Honble Companys Service who is to supply Mr. Masseys place in his absence.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
20TH. JANRY 1756.

No. 3.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have had the pleasure of receiving your two favours of the 27th. November & 2d. Decr. the former came to hand the 1st. Instant but the latter not till the 16th.

We congratulate Your Honour &ca. on the safe arrival of the four ships Consign'd to you from Europe. The Doddington has not yet appear'd and as the season is so farr advanced that she might with safety have ventured on the Coast for some time past We begin to be in pain for her.

The Gentlemen at the Bay in consequence of our Advices have appointed the East court to take in her for Loading here for Europe we hope to dispatch her before the end of February her arrival is daily expected, Our last Letters from thence inform us that the Duke of D[orset] was intended to load on the Malabar Coast, the ans[. . .] to fill up at Fort Marlbro and the London was under dispatch for Europe the beginning of November.

By Letters from St. Helena via Fort Marlbro we are advised that our Honble Masters ship Norfolk was arrived there and preparing the 13th. April to sail for England. The Britannia from this Coast and the Prince George from Europe had been at Marlbrough and were dispatch'd from thence to Canton the latter the 4th. and the former the 12th. June.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 24TH. JANRY. 1756.

No. 4.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Since we last wrote you we have received your several letters of the 20th. December 9th. Instant with your Beeteelas by the Nancy Sloop and 21st. Instant with the Remainder of your Investment.

Agreable to your desire we have laden and consign'd to you ten Candys of Iron by the Nancy sloop which sailed a few days ago the Invoice and Bill of loading are enclosed.

We are sorry that we have any occasion to Contradict what we said of your Cloth in your Letter of the 23d. November. We were willing at that time to give you some account of it for your future Guidance and as there had been no opportunity of sorting it one Bale was taken from the whole, examin'd and found very Good, but having since sorted the whole we were surpriz'd to find very little of that Quality, the greatest part very indifferent and some so bad that no less than Eight Bales have been totally rejected, a much larger proportion than of either of the other Settlements, but as we hope what you have now sent us will make amends we shall say no more till it is sorted.

Fort St. George
the 29th. Janry 1756.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot &ca. Council.

No. 5.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 27th. Jañry.

The Redwood Piles shall be forwarded by the first opportunity, but we neither have nor can procure any Angelee and Mango Plank you must therefore endeavour to get as much as you want from the Southward, the other Articles of your Indent or such of them as we can supply you with, shall be sent as occasions offer.

We have not at present any means of supplying you with a Conveyance for your Bales. We would therefore have you dispatch the Dragon sloop immediately with as many as she can carry and should any other opportunity offer at your Place make use of it, in the mean time should we find any means of assisting you we shall give you immediate advice.

We shall consider the address of your Military Storekeeper more fully, at present we shall only speak of such articles as require immediate directions. It is our Intention the officers should keep a Diary of the Expence of Stores and the Select Committee have allready [*sic*] given directions for that purpose. The method proposed to make the seapoys more carefull of their arms is practised here, and no repairs are to be made on the Companys account but such as become necessary by real service or Unavoidable accidents. All stores expended by the Seapoys must be charged to the Nabobs account but great Care should be taken to prevent waste, We must here observe that the Indents to the Storekeeper are no Vouchers at all a Receit should be taken for such articles

of the Indents as are delivered from the officer or person to whom they are delivered. If the European armorer is so maimed as to be incapable of any Labour he ought by no means to be continued on the storekeepers Books but put on the Pension List.

As to the Articles remaining in the Import Warehouse, let the double coloured Broad Cloth be sent hither, sell at outcry such of the other Articles as are Damaged for the most they will fetch, and let the rest remain in the Warehouse unless they will go off at outcry on the usual terms.

You should not have omitted to mention in your last whether the Ballance of the Honble Companys Cash had been made Good agreable to our directions.

Give us timely Notice when you shall want a further supply of Cash.

We have been in expectation some time of receiving your annual Papers the ship for Europe is now under dispatch therefore you must not delay sending them any longer.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 3D. FEBRY 1756.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
& Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

No. 6.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

I am directed by the President and Council to send you the Enclosed Invoice and Receit for sundry stores laden, and Consign'd to you on the Snow Allah Dowlat Thomas Holmes Commander who refusing to sign a Bill of loading as he carrys the Stores Freight Free is the reason that his officers Receit is now forwarded.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 5TH. FEBRY 1756.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
JOSS DU PRE'
Secry.

No. 7.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

Some Military Stores being laden and Consign'd to you by the Sloop Chance, Peter Carstairs Commander, I am directed by the President and Council to send you the enclosed Invoice and Bill of Lading.

Fort St. George
7 Febry 1756.

I am
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
Jos Du Pre
Secry.

No. 8.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council.

Gentlemen

In complyance with your request for a supply of Rupees and Pagodas We now send you by the Fanny Schooner Fifty Thousand (50,000) Rupees and Ten Thousand (10,000) Pagodas, by the same conveyance you will also receive the several Stores mention'd in the accompang. Invoice and Bill of Loading, the whole is to be delivered to you freight Free and we have agreed with the owners of the Vessell that she is to be immediately freighted back to us with Bales, you will therefore with as much Dispatch as possible put as many Bales on board as she can carry and return her directly to us. As the Schooner has no European belonging to her we have sent a Matross by Name Daniel Grove to take Charge of the Treasure, let him be returned on the same Vessell or the Dragon Sloop.

We are
Gentlemen

Fort St. George
the 10th. Febry 1756.

Your Affectionate Friends and
Servants

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexander Wynch.
William Perceval.

No. 9.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
At Deve Cotah.

Sir

Mr. Smith having Transmitted us his report and observations on your Accounts and Conduct so far as he has hitherto Examin'd into them, We see many Instances that at present appear very unwarrantable, however it is our

intention you shall have full opportunity of Justifying yourself before we come to any resolution; therefore whenever Mr. Smith shall signify to you that he is ready to return, you will at the same time repair hither, and should you have occasion to call on any living Witnesses you will acquaint Mr. Smith who they are that he may give the necessary Orders for their appearance. Mr. Smith has our directions under whose charge to leave the settlement.

Fort St. George
10th. Febry 1756.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Alexander Wynch.

No. 10.

To John Smith
at Deve Cotah.

Sir

We have received and Consider'd your report of Mr. Hopkins's Conduct and accounts for part of the time he has been Chief of Deve Cotah, if it is necessary, the rest should be scrutiniz'd into on the spot in order to detect any frauds or over charges, in that case We should be Glad it were done before your Return, but if you find them of such a Nature as that they may be as well examined here, then you have our Permission to repair hither as soon as Mr. Dawsonne Drake shall arrive at Deve Cotah, Whom we have appointed to take Charge of the Settlement on your leaving it, and you will therefore deliver it over to him accordingly, bringing with you such Accounts, Vouchers and Witnesses as may be necessary to compleat the scrutiny you have begun. When you leave the settlement Mr. Hopkins has our Orders to repair hither at the same time.

As you have some further remarks to make to us on your return and as it is proper we should hear what Mr. Hopkins has to offer we have not come to any determination on the General Merits of your Report and shall therefore now only touch on such Points whereon you particularly desire directions.

We much approve of your restoring Latchmiah Redde to his former employ as he is represented to us as a very deserving Man.

The Seapoys ought by all means to be allowed the same privilege at Deve Cotah as in the other Settlements of holding Courts on their own officers and soldiers and punishing them, you may therefore Issue the proper orders accordingly.

You have done very right in confining Comrapah and Mootiah, let them be brought up with you when you return, and any others that have been made Instruments of oppression or fraud.

We think it would be better to regulate the Measures in the Bounds of Deve Cotah according to those of Fort St. David on account of its Proximity, than by those of this Presidency, and unless you find any material objection you will let it be done so. We even think it might be of service if a Person were appointed to superintend the Weights and Measures which should be yearly or oftner [*sic*] Examined and marked with the Companys Mark, Mr. Brickenden might execute this Charge.

We not only approve of the experiment you have made towards rebuilding the Wall round the Fort but shall think you have done the Company Good service if you succeed in finding a means of repairing those ruined works on such reasonable terms.

Having appointed Mr. Andrew Newton Chief of the Negrais you will acquaint him that we would have him repair hither without loss of time as we shall very shortly disatch a Vessell to that Settlement.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
10TH FEBRUARY 1756.

No. 11.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We address'd you by Pattamar the 23d. November and are since favour'd with your several Letters of the 3rd. November 5th. and 8th. January the two last by the Eastcourt which imported here the 28th. of the same Month she is now under dispatch for Europe and We hope will sail in about a fortnight, we shall continue the whole quantity of three hundred Tons Salt Petre on board part at half Freight, as by what you write us we conclude the whole two thousand Tons indented for Europe will not be compleated from all parts of India, this will leave us very bare of that article, and as we hope with what Bales we shall have remaining after the present dispatch to get in a sufficient Quantity with a moderate proportion of salt petre to return one of the expected ships back to Europe early in September, we are therefore to request your Honour &ca. will if possible send us up two of your sloops laden with Salt Petre if this should reach you time enough for them to make their Passage before the S.W. Monsoon [*sic*] set in.

To our Great concern the Doddington not being yet arrived we are not only disappointed in our intentions of making you a further remittance but shall ourselves be much Streighten'd for the necessary Supplys, we shall be Glad of further Instructions in what proportions of Bullion and Rupees, to remit you the Produce of the Treasure by the ships expected in the approaching season as what you mention in your favour, of the 5th. January seems only to relate to that which might be sent before.

We are oblig'd to your Honour &ca. for your intentions of complying with the Negrais Indents all the provisions and refreshments you can send will be very acceptable as Mr. Brooke writes us that the Troubles in the Pegue Country render it difficult if not impossible to be supplied from thence.

The Gentlemen at Bombay have advised us of the safe arrival of the Edgecote, Houghton, Pelham and Stretham from Europe, and desire us to forward the accompanying Packet by the first Conveyance.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
11TH. FEBRY. 1756.

No. 12.

To Charles Boddam Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council
at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Your two letters of the 13th. and 24th. Janry were received yesterday and with them a Letter from Captain Jackson giving us an Account of the bad Condition of the Companys Snow Arcot and the repairs that are wanting, as we are in immediate want of the service of that Vessell, We hope you will have begun on her repair, if not, give the necessary Orders for having her refitted with all possible expedition, in the meantime provide a Cargo of Rice and as soon as the Vessell is in a Condition to proceed dispatch her with it back to the Negrais, consign'd to the Chief there for the service of that Island the Commander will there receive Orders for his further proceedings.

We are impatient for the arrival of your Bales, we could wish you had dispatch'd them sooner tho' the number had been less than What we now receive.

We are preparing some Madrass Pagodas of which as well as of Rupees, we shall send you as large a supply as possible by the first good conveyance that may offer.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
William Perceval.

Fort St. George
the 11th. Febry. 1756.

No. 13.

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at
Bandarmalanka.

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 7th. and 27th. Janry and with the latter your Bales by the Fortune Snow, as they are not yet sorted, we can say nothing of their Quality.

We cannot at present comply with your request for leave to erect the several Buildings mention'd in your letter of the 7th. January, as we are unwilling to put the Company, to any Expence on this head at their undefensible Settlements, untill we receive certain Advices whether the provisional Treaty of Peace will be ratified in Europe or not.

We are preparing some Madrass Pagodas and shall we hope be able to send you a supply by the return of the sloop expected with the remainder of your Bales.

The accompanying Packet for Vizagapatam requires dispatch therefore let it be forwarded without delay.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE

SIR

THE 11TH. FEBRY 1756.

Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT
&CA. COUNCIL.

No. 14.

To FOSS WESTCOTT ESQR.
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

By the Don Carlo's Snow we have consign'd you such articles of your Indent as could be got ready the Invoice and Bill of loading are enclos'd.

The accompanying Packet for Vizagapatam requiring Dispatch we would have it forwarded immediately.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE

SIR

THE 12TH. FEBRY 1756.

Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

No. 15.

To MR. DAWSONNE DRAKE.

SIR

Having Ordered Mr: Charles Hopkins Chief of Deve Cotah to repair hither to give an Account of his transactions, when Mr. Smith (who has been for some time employ'd there in supervizing them) shall have so far finish'd his scrutiny as to return to this Presidency, we have appointed you to take charge of that Settlement untill we determine on Mr. Hopkin's Conduct, you are therefore to proceed to Deve Cotah accordingly and receive the Charge of that Settlement from Mr. Smith when he shall signify to you he is ready to resign the same and return hither, and from thence forth you are to take upon you the management of the Companys Affairs there as Chief untill you receive our further directions, you will observe that on Mr. Smiths delivering over to you the Charge of the Settlement with the Company's Effects an Account remains is to be interchangeably sign'd by him and you.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE

SIR

THE 13TH. FEBRY. 1756.

Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

No. 16.

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at
Bandarmalanka.

Sir

We wrote you by Pattamar the 11th. Instant and having since receiv'd your letter of the 30th. Janry with your Indent enclos'd, we, now partly comply with it, and also Consign you by the Fortune Snow Five thousand, Madrass Pagodas which we hope will enable you to make Great Progress in your Investment.

We are
Sir

Fort St. George

the 16th. Febry. 1756.

Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.

No. 17.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have received your several Letters of the 9th, 10th and 17th. Instant. We shall give you our thoughts on your annual address, after the last courts dispatch, for Europe at present, we shall only take, Notice, that the report you sent us from your Committee relates only to the Accounts for December their Enquiry should go as far Back as the Month of June which you will acquaint them. The abovemention'd report not having been yet Compar'd with the accounts we cannot at present give you any directions thereon, in our Letter of the 12th. December which enclos'd our Committee's Report on your Accounts for June you were directed to acquaint us whether Mr. Hancock had recēd pay as Surgeon, and mate or whether his Name was inserted by Mistake; You were also directed to enquire why the Charge of feeding Bullocks was larger than what is allow'd here, neither of which you have taken the least Notice of, we expect you will and that our directions be fully complied with.

We have return'd the Dragon Sloop to you with as many Redwood Piles as she could carry send her back again to us immediately and we will supply you with more as well as Plank, We have also sent you a Parcell of Doodos and Cash, which we have lately coin'd, the Weight of them is reduced, so that their Intrinsick Value is less than what they are to pass for which is intended to prevent their being melted down as has been the Practice, you

will give Notice by beat of Tom Tom of this alteration, and that notwithstanding their weight is reduced they are to pass for their Nominal value that is to say Eight Doodo's or Eighty Cash for a fanam.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends and Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 23D. FEBRY 1756.

No. 18.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

I am directed by the President and Council to acknowledge the receit of your Letter of the 23d. Instant and to acquaint you that they desire you will immediately send up the Baggs which contain'd the Fanams instead of Pagodas, and also the Baggs which contain'd the Pagodas if you have not parted with them distinguishing by some mark which contain'd the Pagodas, and which the fanams and be pleas'd to give directions that the Baggs be pack'd so as that the seals may not be broken or defaced.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants
JOSS. DU PRÉ
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 25TH. FEBRUARY 1756.

No. 19.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having an opportunity to reimburse ourselves in part of the Silver Consign'd to the Supra Cargo's of the Warren at your desire, We have therefore drawn on your Honour &ct. Council a Sett of Bills of Exchange of this Date, for forty thousand (40000) Arcot Rupees Exchange at two ℘ Cent making Bombay Rupees Thirty nine thousand Two Hundred and fifteen Pagodas Two Quarters and Seventy four Reis (39215–2–74) in favour of Robert Orme Esqr. or Order payable at Eight days sight which we request your Honour &ca. will duely Honour and Debt us accordingly we are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 25TH. FEBRY. 1756.

No. 20.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last of the 24th. Jañry we have received your favour of the 4th. of that Month.

We are oblig'd to your Honour &ca. for your Intention of reimburseing us the Silver Consign'd to the Supra Cargo's of the Warren, an opportunity offering, we drew on you a sett of Bills yesterday for Forty thousand Arcot Rupees, and the remainder will be acceptable when you can remit it.

It never was our intention, that Lieutenant Hugh Mckie and Ensign David, Blake should have any allowance one as Quarter Master the other as Adjutant during their Passage back to you and we cannot think them in any ways intitled to it as they could not act in those Capacities after they embark'd, Captain Zeiglers representation to you was just and we shall Credit you for the 720 Rupees you have allow'd him and the two Voluntiers for their two Months Batta.

If your Honour &ca. should not yet have sent the Two Packets from the Secret Committee by a Sea Conveyance and none should directly offer, we should be Glad you would immediately Dispatch one of them to us by Pattamar. Your Packet for the President and Council of Bengall has been forwarded.

The East Court is now under dispatch for Europe and will be ready to sail in less than a Week. We propose sending three hundred Tons of Salt Petre on her of which 100 Tons, on half freight.

We are apprehensive the Doddington must have met with some accident as we hear nothing of her.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Humble Servants
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
26th. Febry. 1756.

No. 21.

To the Woshipfull John Pybus Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council.
at Fort Marlbro.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

By our Letter to you of the 11th. September via Bengal you will be acquainted with the Measures we have taken for your surplus pepper this year and the cause of our not having sent the Prince George to you as usual, and in our Letter of the 22nd. October, We left you in doubt when we should send you a ship as we were at that time uncertain whether the Prince George could be employ'd in that Track or not We are now to inform you that in consequence of what we wrote the Gentlemen at Bengal they advise us that they had appointed the Anson to proceed to you to take in your Surplus pepper for Europe and that they should send you the Rice and Gunneys of which we have taken Notice in our abovemention'd Letter of the 11th. September and as we hear that ship Sail'd from the Bay so early as the latter end of November or beginning December We hope she will arrive in Good time to fill up and save her Passage round the Cape.

We have receiv'd your Letter by the Orange Free Sloop of the 30th. September by which we observe that you have wrote to the Gentlemen at Bengal to send you this Year a ship to take in your Surplus Pepper upon a suposition that we intend a ship shall be annually sent from thence for that purpose, you judg'd right of our Intentions, but you were wrong in writing to the Gentlemen at the Bay to send you a ship upon a mere supposition, for we might have provided otherwise besides you are to remember that this is the Presidency to which you are subordinate and therefore whenever you have any thing to propose in which the other Presidencys are Concern'd you should Communicate it to us that we may judge of its Propriety.

We have taken up the Hartop Snow on freight, not only that we may send you the Cloth Salt &ca. you will find mention'd in the Invoice, but also that you may have a Conveyance back for the Military landed at Fort Marlbrough from the Prince George for our Service, we find by your last letter they had been serviceable to you in the Commotions at Natal and that you are desirous they should continue with you untill they are thouroughly [*sic*] subsided. We hope they will be so before you receive this, but if they should not, in that case we permit you to detain so many as may be absolutely necessary for your Defence, otherwise we would have the whole Number sent us on the Hartop, and as we should be Glad to have them here as soon as Possible, you will use the Greatest expedition in landing the Cargo now Consign'd to you and dispatching the Vessell back again to us without delay, We have put on Board some salt Provision and Bisket for the Diet of the Military so that you will be under no difficultys on that account.

A Manifest is enclosed of what private Trade we have licens'd to be shipp'd on the Hartop, the Military Clothing being for the use of the Companys Troops is to be exempted from Duty.

We expect shortly to have another opportunity of Writing to you when we shall fully reply to your Advices.

We have now only to remind you of advising us by every opportunity what quantity of surplus pepper you imagine may remain after the Dispatch of your annual Ships that we may provide accordingly.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 7TH. MARCH 1756

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

MANIFEST of Goods licens'd by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipp'd on board the HARTOP Snow Captain Thomas Savage for FORT MARLBOROUGH by the following Persons Vizt.

Marks & Numbers.	Boxes & Bales.	Total Boxes & Bales.		Cor.	Ps.	Cor.	Ps.	Total Corge.	Ps.
			By MESSRS. DU PRÉ & ALEXANDER Consign'd to Mr. John Williams ..						
IW No. 1 & 2	2	..	Long Cloth White			3	—		
3	1		Containing Vizt.—						
			Long Cloth White ..	1	—				
			Moorees White	3	—	4	—		
4	1		Containing Vizt.—						
			Metchlapatam Handkerchiefs	2	—				
			Pulliacat Do. ¾ Wide ..	4	—				
			Metchlapatam Cambays ..	2	—				
			Malay Chints	1	5				
			Ginghams Striped ..	1	—				
						10	5		
5, 6 & 7	3	—	Long Cloth Blue ½ Pieces.			12	—		
8	1		Containing Vizt.—						
			Moorees Blue	3	—				
			Bugguess Cambays ..	3	—	6	—		
		8	Bales					35	5
			By CAPTAIN EDMUND MASKELYNE Consign'd to Captns. Joseph KENDALL, JOSEPH GABBETT & EDWARD PERO.						
1	1		Cloathing for the Military ..						
2	1		Do. for Do. ..						
3	1		Do. for the Artillery ..						
4	1		Box Do. for the Military.						
		4	Bales and Boxes						
			By CAPTAIN THOMAS SAVAGE.						
T.S. No. 1 a 8 26 a 29 & 32.	13	—	Long Cloth blue ½ Pieces ..			52	—		
9 a 20 & 22 a 25.	16	—	Long Cloth White			24	—		
30, 31	2		Metchlepatam Cambays ..			8	—		
33	1		Containing Vizt.—						
			Pulliacat Cambays ..	3	—				
			Blue Handkerchiefs ..	3	—				
21	1		Bugguess Cambays			6	—		
						8	—		
		33	Bales					98	
			By Mr. RICHARD DAWSON.						
R D N°. 1	1		Red Cambays			10	—		
2	1		Moorees White			3	15		
3	1		Parrell containing Vizt.—						
			Ginghams	2	—				
			Cambays blue	1	—	3	—		
4	1		Do. Blue Handkerchiefs.			2	—		
Carried over ..		45						133	5

Marks & numbers.	Boxes & Bales.	Total Boxes & Bales.		Cor.	Ps.	Cor.	Ps.	Total Corge.	Ps.
Brought over ..		45						133	5
3	1		Chest Containing Viz^{t}.—						
			Shirts	4	—				
			Stockings	4	—				
			Muslin	—	2				
			Long Cloth	—	4				
		5	Bales Parcels & Chest ..			8	6	27	1
			By M^{R}. John Newcomb.						
I N									
No. 1	1		Long Cloth Blue			4	—		
1 & 2	2		Long Cloth White			3	—		
3 & 4	2		Cask's of shoes containing 150 Pair.						
4	1		Containing Breechees Waistcoats Shirts & Caps ..						
		6	Bales & Cask					7	—
		56	Bales, Boxes, Parcels & Chest Containing ..					167	6

Jo^{s}. Du Pre'
Sec^{ry}.

Fort S^{t}. George
the 7th. March 1756.

N^{o}. 22.

To Captain Thomas Savage
of Snow Hartop.

Sir

You are hereby requir'd to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort Marlbro on the West Coast of Sumatra where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour and Council and follow their Directions for your further Proceedings. Dated in Fort S^{t}. George the 7th. March 1756.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
Will^{m}. Perceval.

N^{o}. 23.

To M^{r}. Henry Brooke
Chief of Negrais.

Sir

Since we wrote to you by the Prince George the 21st. October, we have received your several Letters of the 16th. and 17th. October 7th. and 23^{d}. December and 26th. Janry by which we are sorry to find the Island has proved so unhealthy the last season and as you have express'd a strong Desire of returning hither for the recovery of your Health, We have appointed Captain John Howes to succeed you as Chief of the Negrais and he takes his Passage on the

Cuddalore Sloop therefore as soon as possible after the receit of this you will cause a just Inventory of all the Companys Effects under your Charge to be drawn out and Interchangeably sign'd by you both which being done you will deliver over to Captain Howes the Charge of the said Effects and Settlement and return hither on the Cuddalore Sloop if the season should permit but if it should be too late to reach this place you will then proceed to Vizagapatam if possible or if you should not be able to reach that Port you are then to make the best of your way to Bengal and proceed hither with the Sloop as soon as the season will permit.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15TH. MARCH 1756.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Enclosd is a List of the Military sent you on the Cuddalore Sloop.

No. 24.

To CAPTAIN JOHN HOWES.

SIR

Having appointed you to be Chief of the Honble Companys Settlement on the Island Negrais, you are to proceed thither on the Cuddalore Sloop now under sailing orders for that place.

We by this Conveyance write to Mr. Henry Brooke the present Chief of our having appointed you to succeed him, and we have directed him to cause an Exact Inventory of all the Companys Effects, to be drawn out, which is to be interchangeably sign'd by you both this being done Mr. Brooke has our Permission to return hither on the Cuddalore Sloop delivering over to you at his departure the Charge of the Settlement.

As we have in our several Letters to Mr. Brooke fully explain'd our sentiments in regard to the Conduct we would have him observe during the Troubles between the Kings of Pegue and Alva We have only to refer you to those advices which will be deliver'd to you by Mr. Brooke as well as Copys of his to us and a Diary and Journal of Occurrences and Transactions since the Commencement of the Expedition by which you will be fully inform'd of every thing necessary for your Guidance.

Mr. Brooke having acquainted us that provisions were much wanted at the Negrais we have Given directions to the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam to Dispatch the Companys snow Arcot thither with a Cargo of Rice as soon as that Vessell can be repair'd and we have also wrote to the Gentlemen at Bengal to Comply with the Indents Mr. Brooke sent them, and to supply him with all the refreshments and provision they can.

You will observe that whenever you dispatch any of the Companys Vessells to us you are to pay off all wages due to that time and advance what may be further necessary for Impress advising us of the same.

Our allowance to Mr. Brook as Chief has been but fifty Pagodas a Month but in Consideration of the Expences attending that Station we permit you to Charge five hundred Rupees in full for all your Expences of Diet Servants &ca.

Such of the Military as have serv'd their Contracted time and are desirous of returning hither are to be permitted to do so but if they are inclinable to re-enter you may advance what is usual on such occasions and relist them.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
15TH. MARCH 1756.

No. 25.

TO CAPTN. GEORGE BAKER
OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS
SLOOP CUDDALORE.

SIR

Your are hereby requir'd to repair on Board and make the best of your way to the Negrais where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to Mr. Henry Brooke the Chief there and follow his orders for your further proceedings. Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE the 15th. March 1756.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

No. 26.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCILL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your favour of the 4th. February and are sorry to observe the Denham was detain'd, tho' unavoidably, so late at the Negrais, We hope however she will have been got ready in time to proceed home this season.

We are at a Loss how to account for the Deficiency of Barbary Copper, it cannot have happen'd in the manner Captain Forrester Conjectures in his address to you because there was not a Piece of that kind of Copper in the Settlement except what was landed from the Norfolk, which was sent out for a Tryal, it was weigh'd in presense of the purser, and both weight and tale agreed with the Ballance of the Warehouse account Vizt.

	Heads.	Can.	M.	lb.	Heads.	Candy.	Md.	Lb.
Whole Quantity Consign'd ℔ Norfolk					8416	353	15	7
Deficiency pd. for by the Captn. ..	21	..	16	11				
Sold here at outcry	249	10	..	..				
					270	10	16	11
	Cwt.	Qr.	lb.					
Consd. you ℔ Duke Dorset	1530	3	27		8146	342	18	21

In our last we acquainted you that the Doddington not arriving according to expectation prevented our making you any further remittances on account of last years Consignment of Treasure from Europe. Your Honour &c^{a}. may Depend on our best Endeavours to send you as early a Supply as Possible out of what we may receive this season and in the proportions you desire.

Should your Honour &c^{a}. send us up (agreable to the request in our last) two of your Sloops laden with Salt Petre, that Quantity, with what we have remaining will be sufficient for our Demand, and the return of those Vessells will give us a Good opportunity of sending you a Great part of the Redwood you indent for.

We have the pleasure to communicate to you the advices we received a few days ago from Tellicherry of Admiral Watson's having taken Gheriah the 13th. Febry. and burnt Angrias whole Fleet consisting of twelve Grabs including the restoration and one hundred and twenty Gallivats Angria himself with his Family surrender'd themselves Prisoners.

The Eastcourt was dispatch'd and sail'd for Europe the 3^{d}. Instant.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
17TH. MARCH 1756.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.

N^{o}. 27.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQ^{R}.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

The Dragon Sloop was dispatch'd to you this Morning with Redwood Piles, Teak Plank and Spars, the Invoice and Bill of loading are enclos'd as soon as you have landed this Consignment return the Vessell to us for the remainder of the Piles you Indented for.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
17TH. MARCH 1756.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

No. 28.

To Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &ca. Council
at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Having appointed a Committee to examine all Accounts and report to us their remarks they have made their observations on yours for the months of June, July, August and September an Extract of which we now send you with our Directions thereon.

" The Cash and Paymasters are the only Accounts transmitted from Report
" thence (Vizagapatam) We think that in future their Warehousekeeper, Para. 2.
" Storekeeper and Customers accounts, or rather their Journal Parcells
" should be sent us.

We direct that the accounts above mention'd be sent us monthly.

" In the Paymasters account under charges Garrison we find several Report
" Charges of Wages and Allowances to artificers &ca. which should be brought Para. 3.
" under the Head of Charges General.

Nothing should be brought under Charges Garrison but what regards the Military, you will observe in future the remark in the above quoted Para of the Committees Report.

" We have nothing further to remark with regard to the Northern Report
" accounts but that Madrass Pagodas are allways brought into Cash as Cur- Para. 18.
" rent Pagodas the Batta being wrote off immediately on their receit. Those
" Madrass Pagodas are advancd to the Merchants as Current by which their
" Cloth appears cheaper by 10 ℘ Cent than it really is which We find has
" been practis'd time out of mind.

Whatever may have given rise originally to this Method we now disapprove it and therefore instead of Writing off the Batta, you must debt your Merchants one hundred and ten Current Pagodas for every one hundred Madrass Pagodas advanced them, and the Cloths are to be Invoic'd to us as under, being on an Everage [*sic*] of the three Numbers pretty near the amount of the Batta on the Madrass Pagodas. This Method is to Commence with your next Books beginning 1st. May 1756.

Long Cloth Fine—
N°. 1 @ 76 Currt. Pagodas ℘ Corge.
2 73 D°.
3 70 D°.

Ditto Midling—
N°. 1 @ 58 D°.
2 55 D°.
3 52 D°.

D°. Ordinary—
N°. 1 @ 40 D°.
2 38 D°.
3 37 Do.

O Chop—
N°. 1 @ 38 D°.
2 37 D°.
3 35 D°.

S Chop—
N°. 1 @ 36 D°.
2 35 D°.
3 33 D°.

SF
I Z Z
N°. 1 52 D°.

Sallampores Ordinary—
N°. 1 19 D°.
2 18 D°.
3 16 D°.

SALLAMPORES ORDINARY—*cont.*

O CHOP—		
1	18	Curr^{t} Pagodas ℔ Corge.
2	16	D°.
3	15	D°.

We have found an Advantage arise to the Company by Contracting with our Warehouse-keeper for Packing the Companys Bales, we should be Glad to put the same Method in Practise at all the other Settlements, we observe by your Invoices the Constant Charge is Pagodas 2. 26. 40 ℔ Bale Whereas at Ingeram and Madapollam it is no more than Pag^{s}. 1. 34. 40 but the Accounts of the Articles and Charges relating to Package at all the three Settlements are so Confus'd that we are not clear what the real Charge is at either, you will therefore draw out and send us by the next opportunity an Exact Account of all the Charges of Packing with your Proposals for undertaking it at a Certain fix'd Price ℔ Bale.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
24TH. MARCH 1756.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

N°. 29.

TO CHARLES BODDAM ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your two Letters of the 3^{d}. and 7th. February, but you have omitted to send us Indents as usual for what wares and Stores may be wanted.

In our Letter of the 11th. Ultimo we directed you to Get the Arcot Snow repair'd expeditiously as possible; since then an Estimate having been laid before us of what repairs are absolutely necessary, a Copy whereof is enclos'd, we have Contracted with M^{r}. John Heriot the Companys Carpenter for them at the rate therein mention'd amounting in the whole to A.R^{s}. 2971. If any part of the Repairs mention'd in the said Estimate should be Compleated before you receive this they are to remain for the Companys Account and M^{r}. Heriot is to be paid for the rest according to his Contract and if any other repairs besides those mention'd in the Estimate should be found absolutely necessary let them be done on the best terms, as soon as the Vessell is refitted Dispatch her to the Negrais, as we before directed with a Cargo of Rice if it cannot immediately be procur'd purchase a sufficient Quantity of Paddy and Get it beat. We are inform'd there is an Anchor at Vizagapatam belonging to the Cuddalore Sloop which is of a more proper sise [*sic*] for the Arcot Snow than one belonging to that Vessell which is to large therefore let them be exchang'd and send the Arcots Anshor [*Sic*] up hither by the next opportunity.

Let all the Arrears of wages due to the Arcot Snow be paid off. Impress was advanced here to the 18th. July and we have not been advis'd of any wages since paid but of this you may be further inform'd by Captain Jackson. When you dispatch that Vessell to the Negrais advance two months Impress and advise the Chief of that Settlement that you have done so.

By the Ship George which we have taken into the Company's service we send sundry stores for the use of the Arcot Snow they are Consign'd to Captain Jackson to avoid the necessity there would otherwise be of bringing them to account in your Books, but the Invoice and Bill of Loading is notwithstanding enclosed to you that you may take them into your Charge untill the Vessell is fit to receive them, when you deliver them you will take an Acknowledgment from the Commander and transmit the same to us.

We also have laden on the ship George and Consign'd to you thirty Thousand Rupees and ten thousand Madrass Pagodas of which five Thousand Madrass Pagodas is for the Use of Ingeram Factory and the rest for the Service of your Settlement.

As soon as possible after the George's arrival let the Stores and Treasure be landed and a Cargo of Paddy put on board which we hope may be done in a few days, and you will then give the Commander Orders to proceed immediately to the Negrais and follow the Orders of the Chief there for his further proceedings.

You omitted in your Letter which accompanied your Annual Papers to acquaint us what progress had been made in the wall you were directed to Erect from Martins Point to Tornerys Battery, you must observe as a standing order every year early in January to write us particularly of the State of the Settlement recapitulating briefly the Progress in the Investment, the State of the Buildings and Fortifications with the repairs and additions that have been made in the course of the Year with other material occurrences.

You will also observe that the last day of April in every year an Exact account be taken of all the Wares Stores and military stores remaining in the Settlement and also an account of such as are deficient assigning the reasons whether the same may have arisen from rust, breaking, unavoidable decay or otherwise and these accounts are to be sent up to us that you may have our directions in what manner to adjust them in your Books of that year, let such an Account be taken and sent us the last of next Month.

When you dispatch the George forward by her the accompanying Packet to the Chief of the Negrais.

We have already advanced Captain Heriot the 2971 A. Rs. on his aforemention'd Contract.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 24TH. MARCH 1756.

No. 30.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Your accounts for the Months of June, July, August and September having been examin'd by a Committee we have appointed to scrutinise into all the accounts of this Presidency and Subordinates, they have laid before us their remarks, amongst which are these, to which We add our directions Vizt.

Report Para. 8. "138 ℔s of Wax Cloth are expended in September We observe some-"times ¼ ℔s. sometimes 1/3 and sometimes 1/2 ℔s. of Long Cloth are charg'd "as pieces of wax Cloth, to obviate this and other irregularities in this head "of Goods for Packing, we think it would be best if the Chief of the Subordi-"nates would contract at a Stipulated price as the Warehousekeeper of Fort "St. George has done."

By your Invoices we find you Charge Pags. 1·34·40 ℔ Bale, but by your Books this seems not to be the whole charge. That we may be quite Clear in this particular let us have in your next an exact State of the whole expence of Packing with your proposals on what terms you will undertake the Package of all the Bales, By the Contract we have enter'd into with our Warehouse-keeper here a saving will be made to the Company, and we dont doubt but the same advantage may arise at all the other Settlements.

Report Para. 9. "In August and September under Charges Garrison We observe a Charge "of Pags. 10. 12—for cloathing three Europeans, and one Topass which "appears an extraordinary Charge!

As the Captains are to Cloath the Military out of the Stoppages from their pay we cannot account for the above Charge, you will explain it in your next.

Report Para. 11. "There appears a Charge in June for Building washing and beating "Godowns, to the amount of Pags. 235–20–16 and in September for Building "Horse Stables, and a Choultry Pags. 182–34–60 these Charges are not Parti-"culariz'd nor should they be wrote off in this manner but kept on their Books "under proper Heads."

We do not recollect that you ever appli'd for or had our directions to erect these Buildings, nothing of this Kind ought ever to be undertaken without our approbation and for that purpose an Estimate should be sent us of the Charge of the intended Buildings or material papers with an account of the necessity or usefullness of them, that we may judge whether they are proper or not. The Committee very Justly observe that the abovemention'd Godowns &ca. are improperly brought to account, you will therefore write them off from Charges Extraordinary to seperate Heads.

Report Para 12. "In July there is Charge of Pags. 24–31–49 for Mr. Westcotts going "into the Country."

If this Journey was on the Companys Business you should have express'd in your Accounts for what purpose it was undertaken.

" Under the Head of Repairs there are several Articles that should appear " under the Head of Charges General and the account repairs wants parti- " cularizing." Report Para 13.

Nothing ought to be placed under this Head but actual repairs to the Factory or other Buildings, but we observe you charge the pay of Cooleys employ'd in the Gardens which is wrong, this one Instance will suffice to shew you what is meant by the Report. You are also to observe that the quantity of materials of every kind used and the Number of Artificers employ'd in any Buildings or Repairs are to be particularly express'd in your Accounts.

" Under the Head Issues of Stores and Goods for Packing is charg'd Report Para 14.

" In June	3	7	55
" July	2	15	58
" August	7	15	40
" September	10	7	26

" No explanation is given on what service those stores are expended."

You must allways mention in your accounts the particular Service, of the Stores Issued.

" We have nothing further to remark with regard to the Northern " accounts but that the Madrass Pagodas are allways brought into Cash as " Current Pagodas the Batta being wrote off immediately on their receit. " Those Madrass Pagodas are advanced to the Merchants as Current by which " their Cloth appears cheaper by 10 ℔ cent than it really is which we find has " been practis'd time out of mind." Report Para 18.

Whatever may have given rise originally to this Method we now disapprove it and therefore in future instead of writing off the Batta you must debt your Merchants One Hundred and ten Current Pagodas for every one hundred Madrass Pagodas advanced them and the Cloths are to be invoiced to us as under, being on an Average of the three Numbers pretty near the Amount of the Batta on the Madras Pagodas Vizt.

LONG CLOTH FINE—
N°. 1 @ 76 Curt. Pagodas ℔ Corge.
2 73 D°.
3 70 D°.
D°. MIDLING—
1 @ 58 D°.
2 55 D°.
3 52 D°.
D°. ORDINARY—
1 40 D°.
2 38 D°.
3 37 D°.
O CHOP—
1 38 D°.
2 37 D°.
3 35 D°.

Long Cloth Fine—*cont.*			
S Chop—			
	1	36	Current pagodas ℔ Corge.
	2	35	D°.
	3	33	D°.
SF			
E Z Z	1	52	D°.
Salampore's Ordinary—			
	1	19	D°.
	2	18	D°.
	3	16	D°.
O Chop—			
	1	18	D°.
	2	16	D°.
	3	15	D°.

This method of advancing to your Merchants and valuing your Cloth is to take place and Commence the first of May next.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Alexander Wynch.
William Perceval.

Fort St. George
24th. March 1756.

No. 31.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

This serves to enclose the Invoice of Five thousand (5000) Madrass Pagodas we have Consign'd to Vizagapatam by the ship George for the use of your Settlement.

We have reced your Letters of the 24th. Jañry 4th. 22nd. & 23d. Febry and shall write you by the next opportunity our Sentiments on your last Cloth.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.

Fort St. George
the 24th. March 1756.

No. 32.

To Captain John Howes
or the Chief of the Negrais for
the time being.

Sir

We have taken into the Honble Companys Service the Ship George Commanded by Captain Thomas Newton to remain as a Guard Ship at the Negrais in the room of the Prince George we have order'd the Commander to call at Vizagapatam to land some Stores and Treasure, and to take in a loading of Paddy for the service of your Settlement, as soon after her arrival with you as possible you will dispatch the Honble Companys ship Prince George to Bengal advising the President and Council there that you have our directions to do so and to request that they will cause her to be well repair'd, we shall in a few days write to them to the same Effect.

The George is to remain, as a Guard Ship at the Negrais untill releiv'd by another unless you should find yourself sufficiently secure without her in which case you will give the Commander Notice of the ships Discharge from the Companys service and advise us of the time you so discharge her that we may be enabled to settle the demorage with the owners.

We have sent you some Military for the Service of the Negrais and refer you to a list of their Names enclos'd.

Fort St. George
the 24th. March 1756.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.

No. 33.

To Captain John Heriott
of the Ship George in the
Honble Companys Service.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on Board and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Chief and Council there, and after you have also deliver'd the Treasure and Stores Consign'd to them you are then to deliver over the Command of the said ship to Captain Thomas Newton who is appointed to take upon him that Charge. Dated in Fort St. George the 24th March 1756.

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.

No. 34.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

Herewith you will receive Three thousand and one (3001) Pagodas to make up the Deficiency in the Chest Consign'd you by the Fanny and said to Contain ten thousand Pagodas, but by the Fraud of the Companys Shroof was found to have seven Bags containing only 6999 Pagodas and three Bags Containing 7821 Fanams. The Fanams we have confiscated to the use of the Company and you are therefore to bring them to Account under the head of Fines and forfeitures. We shall in a day or two send you twenty Thousand Pagodas more by Peons

Fort St. George
the 25th. March 1756.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
George Pigot
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.

No. 35.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 24th. Instant and agreable to your request now send you Twenty Thousand Pagodas by Peons overland.

Mr. Andrew Newton one of your Assistants whom we have for some time past employ'd on other services returns again to you, and is to be Station'd where he can be most usefull.

Fort St. George
the 27th. March 1756.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.
George Pigot &ca. Council.

No. 36.

To Charles Boddam Esqr.
Chief &ca. Council
at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

As we wrote you fully the 24th. Instant by the ship George, we have now only to enclose you the Invoice and Bill of Lading of Eighty Barrells of Gunpowder Consign'd you by the Beverly Sloop on delivery of which we have agreed to pay One Pagoda ℔ Barrell for freight which you will comply with.

Fort St. George
the 31st. March 1756.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.

No. 37.

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

We have appointed a Committee to examine all accounts and report their remarks to us they have accordingly inspected yours for June July August and September and amongst other observations we find the following, to which we add our directions.

" In June there is a Charge for Building a Doctors appartment Pags. 40
" the quantity of materials used and the number of Workmen employ'd are
" not Express'd. In the month of September we likewise find Pags. 700 Report
" Charg'd for Building Compleately a House at Bandarmalanka with no parti- Para 17.
" culars but the description of the form of the Building according to which
" we must say we do not think it high rated."

In our Letter of the 23d. November we permitted the Charge of the House to remain in your Accounts but we have never been advis'd of your Building a Doctors apartment. We have allready Given you our directions never to erect any Buildings without our approbation and we have now to add that an Estimate should be sent us of the Charge of any intended Building or material Repair with an Account of the usefullness or necessity of them and when you bring them to account you should particularly express what Quantity of Report Para 18. materials are us'd and Number of workmen employ'd.

" We have nothing further to remark with regard to the Northern Accounts
" but that the Madrass Pagodas are allways brought into Cash as Current
" Pagodas the Batta being wrote off immediately on their receit. Those Madrass
" Pagodas are advanced the Merchants as Current by which their Cloth
" appears Cheaper by 10 ℔ Cent than it really is which we find has been
" practis'd time out of mind."

Whatever may have Given rise to this Method originally we disapprove it now and therefore in future instead of writing off the Batta you must debt your Merchants one hundred and ten Current Pagodas for every one hundred Madrass Pagodas advanced them and the Cloths are to be invoiced to us as under being on an average of the three Numbers pretty near the Amount of the Batta on the Madrass Pagodas, this Method is to take place and Commence with your next Books 1st May 1756.

Long Cloth Fine—			
N°.	1	@ 76 Curr^{t}.	Pagodas ℔ Corge.
	2	73	D°.
	3	70	D°.
Do.		Midling—	
N°.	1	@ 58	D°.
	2	55	D°.
	3	52	D°.
D°.		Ordinary—	
	1	40	D°.
	2	38	D°.
	3	37	D°.
O Chop—			
	1	38	D°.
	2	37	D°.
	3	35	D°.
S Chop—			
	1	36	D°.
	2	35	D°.
	3	33	D°.
I Z Z sf.			
N°.	1	52	D°.
Salampores		Ordinary—	
	1	19	D°.
	2	18	D°.
	3	16	D°.
O Chop—			
	1	18	D°.
	2	16	D°.
	3	15	D°.

By your Invoices we observe the Constant Charge of Package is Pag^{s}. 1. 34. 40 ℔ Bale which does not seem to agree entirely with your Books, we have found it more to the Companys advantage to Contract with our Warehousekeeper for Packing the Bales than to provide the materials on the Companys Account, we imagine the like Benefit may arise at all the other Settlements and we shall therefore endeavour to put it in Practise therefore send us in your next an Exact account of the Present Charge of Packing with your Proposals for undertaking it at a fix'd Price ℔ Bale.

Fort S^{t}. George
30th. March 1756.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alex^{r}. Wynch.
William Perceval.

N°. 38.

To M^{r}. John Andrews
Resident
at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

We have duely received your several Letters of the 13th. 22nd. and 23^{d}. February and 2nd. March and your Bales by the Sloop George, but the Cloth not being yet all sorted we shall wait untill that be done to give our sentiments particularly on your Investment.

As you tell us that having large Sums of money in your Merchants Hands before the Dutch and French receive their Supplys will greatly contribute to

the success of your Investment we now Consign you five thousand Madrass Pagodas by the Sloop George, and we hope it will have the desired Effect be punctual in giving timely notice when you Imagine you shall have occasion for further Sums and we will endeavour to keep you fully supply'd as your dependance is greatly on the Northern Settlements.

You will also receive by the same sloop the Match you Indent for, but the Stationary must be deferr'd till the arrival of the Ships from Europe.

As the Cloth Godown is immediately necessary and the Expence inconsiderable we permit you to go on with it, but the other intended Buildings must be defered [*sic*] untill we receive advice from Europe.

FORT ST. GEORGE
30TH. MARCH 1756.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

No. 39.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

Your Letter of the 5th. Instant with the accounts for February are received.

The Dragon Sloop is ready to sail as soon as the Weather Permits, we have laden on her and Consign'd to you the Articles mention'd in the Accompanying Invoice and Bill of loading.

We have Contracted with our Export Warehousekeeper here for Packing the Companys Bales on the following terms Vizt.

"That he take for his own account all the Packing stuff remaining in "the Godown at Prime Cost

"That he purchase annually as much of the Companys torn Cloth at prime "Cost as will suffice for wrappers and wax Cloth that he be allow'd two Pago-"das each Bale which is about the present Charge on an average in full for "Gunnies, Wrappers, Wax Cloth and other materials."

If your Warehousekeeper should be inclin'd to undertake the Package of your Bales on the like terms we Consent to it, you will therefore propose it to him and acquaint us with the result.

You are to observe as a standing Rule that the person who has Charge of the Companys Furniture, together with one of the Accountants Assistants do annually at the end of the Month of April take an account of all the Companys Furniture, Plate Utensils &ca. remaining, particularizing what has been added since the last account taken, and what is deficient assigning the reason of such deficiency a Copy of which account you will transmit to us for our Directions in what manner to adjust the same in your Books.

We are inform'd that the ship Elizabeth is arrived at Nagore from Bengal with a Cargo of Rice and will shortly proceed to your Settlement, as it is proper allways to have a quantity of Grain in store if the Cargo should not be dispos'd of before her Arrival with you, We would have you purchase it on the Companys Account at the Market Price provided it be of the proper Sort for

Store, if not acquaint us what quantity of Paddy and Rice you have now in the Godowns what is the Present market Price; and what quantity you can procure from the Country that we may take our Measures accordingly.

Having occasion to employ Mr. Robert Dowset here you will order him to proceed hither by the first opportunity.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 9TH. APRIL 1756.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERE ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

No. 40.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Honble Companys Ship Prince George being in Great want of repair we have taken up a Ship on Demorage to lye at the Negrais in her room and have directed the Chief of that Settlement to dispatch the Prince George to you; on her arrival we are to request your Honour &ca. will give directions that she may be compleatly refitted which we hope may be done so as that the Vessell may be ready to proceed with the earliest of the season: between this and then we shall advise your Honour &ca. in what manner to dispose of her.

Two days ago a French Ship arrived at Pondicherry from Europe. Various reports are spread, some that War is actually declar'd between Great Britain and France; others that it is not actually declar'd, but probably will be, both reports agree that Hostilities have been committed at sea, and that the French King has recalled his Ambassador from England and sent a special Embassy to Holland. These Advices tho' not absolutely authentick we communicate to your Honour &ca. that you may be on your Guard.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 13TH. APRIL 1756.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

N°. 41.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

This by Order of the President and Council is to accompany ten thousand (10000) Pagodas which they now dispatch to you under the Charge of Twenty Peons.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 25TH. APRIL 1756.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient humble Servants
JOS: DU PRE.
Secry.

N°. 42.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

The 25th. Instant We sent you ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas by Peons overland.

It will be more convenient to us to pay for the Rice you purchase here, than to send money to you therefore if it be agreable to the proprietors you will draw on us for the amount.

We have very particularly examined the Cloth you sent us up this season and for your future Guidance in the Sortments we now send you our remarks on it, Vizt.

LONG CLOTH FINE WHITE—

N°. 1 @ 68 Pags. ℔ Corge may be taken in as such considering the circumstances of the times tho' the Quality is but Indifferent.
D°. 2 @ 65 Pags. ℔ Corge, this also may be taken as such on the same Consideration.
3 @ 64 ℔ Corge. This is very indifferent and must be mended if possible.

LONG CLOTH SALEM WHITE—

Of this Cloth there is no N°. 1 which must not be suffered, the Merchants should be press'd to keep up the Manufacture as much as possible.
D°. N°. 2 @ 49 18 ℔ Corge. This Cloth is pretty Good and may be taken but as N°. 2 it should be Invoic'd Lower.
D°. 3 @ 48 18 ℔ Corge. This is but barely passable and must be mended if possible.

LONG CLOTH WORRIAR POLLAM—

Of this Cloth as well as the Salem there is no N°. 1 which must not be suffer'd
D°. N°. 2 & 3 The Cloth of both these Numbers is so bad that unless it can be mended it must not be taken in.

SALLEMPORES MIDLING—

D°. Of this also there is no N°. 1 which must not be.
D°. N°. 2 @ 23 18 } These two Numbers are more of an Ordinary Cloth than Midling and may be taken in as such with a Suitable abatement but not otherwise.
3 @ 23 .. }

We observe you have but small hopes of recovering Persheram Pillahs Ballance, we can only recommend to you to use your best Endeavours.

If you find that your new Salem Merchant Bowanie brings in better Cloth than the others, omit no opportunity of encouraging him.

Andeapah's and Tonneroys Accounts are not yet compleated but we expect they shortly will we fear they as well as Govindah Chitty have maintain'd their Disputes only as a pretence to avoid making Good their Ballances but this will soon be at an End.

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 24th. and as soon as the Weather will permit we shall send you two or three Massoolah Boats.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 27TH. APRIL 1756.

We are
GENTLEMEN
GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 43.

TO THE HONOURABLE [RICHARD BOU]RCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our Honble Masters Ship Dellawar arrived here yesterday from England and brings advices of the 10th. October that Hostilitys had been commenced between the British and French Nations in America and that a number of French Ships had been taken tho war was not then actually declared nor had any Letters of Mart or Reprisals been granted on either part. The accompanying Packet which came under cover to us will we imagine give you all the necessary advices, and we therefore foward it without Loss of time.

By the Delawar we have received Eighty Bales of Cloth and three Bales of Long Ells the remains of what was provided for your Presidency last year but could not be sent for want of room, agreable to the Orders we have receiv'd they shall be forwarded to you by the first safe Conveyance.

We have receiv'd your favour of the 17th. March and are oblig'd to you for the remittance of Eighty thousand Rupees it enclos'd, the Bills have all been duely paid and Credit given to your Presidency.

We congratulate your Honour &ca. on the late Success of his Majestys and the Companys Forces against Gheriah, and we hope the Consequences will be fully answerable to the Intention.

We have not since the Departure of the East Court advis'd you of her dispatch, she sail'd from hence the 2nd. March fully laden with fifteen hundred and Thirty four Bales and about two hundred and ninety seven Tons of salt Petre of which upwards of 135 Tons on half Freight.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 10TH. MAY 1756.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

No. 44.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 9th. Instant our Honble Masters Ship Delawar imported here from England which she left the beginning of November and brings advices that Hostilitys had been commenced between the British and French Nations in America and that a Number of French Ships had been taken tho war was not then actually declar'd nor had any Letters of Mart or Reprisal been Granted on either part, the accompanying Packet which We are directed to forward by the first safe Conveyance will we imagine give you all necessary advices as it may be frequently necessary should a War break out, to dispatch advices to and receive them from you by Land, we are to request you will order Peons to be station'd at proper stages between Balasore and Ganjam for the Greater Expedition and we shall direct the Chief of Vizagapatam to have others posted at proper distances between that place and Ganjam, we are also to request you will direct the Chief of Ballasore to be particularly attentive to Gain the best Intelligence he can of all Vessells that appear off that Road or Point Palmeiras and advise the Chief of Vizagapatam of every thing material and we shall take the precaution in the Dispatch of our Honble Masters Shipping to you to direct the Commanders to touch at Vizagapatam for Intelligence.

Having receiv'd a Consignment of Treasure from Europe by the Delawar we take this first opportunity of sending you by the Fortune Ketch Captain Collin Campbell Six Chests of Arcot Rupees two Chests of Madrass Rupees and three Chests of Bullion, and by the Neptune Captain Austin who proposes sailing in a few days we intend you a further Consignment of about a Lack more of Rupees, we should gladly if it were in our Power conform to the proportions you desire in every particular Consignment of Treasure but at present we cannot, having no more Madrass Rupees ready and but a few Arcot, however upon the whole we hope to Comply with your Desire. We have agreed with Captain Campbell for Freight of this Consignment of Treasure after the rate of seven ℔ Mill which your Honr. &ca. will be pleas'd to pay him accordingly on delivery.

This Ship Delawar is Consigned to us, and we are directed either ourselves or in Concert with you to Employ her usefully untill the proper time of her being return'd home, we have now under Consideration in what manner to dispose of her and shall advise your Honour &ca. as soon as we are able, to determine whether we can employ her ourselves or not.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Humble Servants
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
11th. May 1756.

No. 45.

To Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &ca. Council
at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 7th. and 10th. April and are Glad to find you have such hopes of a Good Investment we shall endeavour to keep you well supply'd with money and propose in a few days to send you a Considerable sum both of Pagodas and Rupees.

The 9th. Instant our Honble Masters ship Delawar imported here from England she left it the beginning of November and brings advice, that thô war was not then actually declared between Great Britain and France yet there are grounds to apprehend it shortly will. Hostilitys having been allready Committed in America and a number of French Ships having been taken and brought into our Ports by his Majestys Squadrons and Cruizers, we give you this Notice that you may be well on your guard, and as it may be necessary frequently to send and receive Intelligence from Bengal by land, we have desired the Gentlemen there to give Orders that Peons may be placed at proper stages between Ballasore and Ganjam, and you are to station others at Convenient distances between Ganjam and Vizagapatam that Intelligence may be communicated with the Greater dispatch we have also desired the Gentlemen at Bengal to direct the Chief of Balasore to keep a Watchfull Eye on all Vessells that appear off that Road and Point Palmeiras and advise you from time to time of all material occurrences, and you are also to Communicate to him every thing material that may come to your knowledge.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
11th. May 1756.

No. 46.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident
at Ingeram.

Sir

We wrote you two Letters under date the 24th. March to which we have not yet recd any answer.

By our Honble Masters Ship Delawar which imported here the 9th. Instant from England we are advis'd that Hostilitys had been committed between the British and French Nations and that many French Ships had been taken and brought into the English Ports by his Majestys Ships, thô war was not declared nor had any Letters of Mart or reprisal been granted on either side, we give you this Notice that you may stand well on your Guard and should the Enemy attempt any Hostilitys give us immediate Notice.

We propose shortly to send a further supply of money to Vizagapatam for your use.

FORT ST. GEORGE
11TH. MAY 1756.

We are
SIR
Yours Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

No. 47.

TO MR. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT
AT BANDARAMALANKA.

SIR

Our Honble Masters Ship Delawar arrived here the 9th. she left England the beginning of November when there was Great appearance of a War being shortly declar'd between Great Britain and France Hostilitys having been committed in America and many French Ships taken and brought into our Ports by his Majestys Squadrons and Cruisers you are therefore to be on your Guard and send us immediate Advice should the Enemy attempt any Hostilitys.

We have your Letter of the 15th. April under Consideration and shall give you our directions on it very shortly, you may depend on our Supplying you with money as early as we can and in as large sums as we think may be prudently lodged at your Settlement which in the present Critical Situation of affairs we cannot think quite so safe as Palicol.

FORT ST. GEORGE
11TH. MAY 1756.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

No. 48.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

The 9th. Instant our Honble Masters Ship Delawar arrived here from England which place she left the beginning of November and brings advice that Hostilitys had been commenced between the British and French Nations in America and that a great Number of French Ships had been taken by our Men

of War altho War was not then actually declar'd nor had any Letters of Mart or Reprisals been granted on either part. These Circumstances giving us reason to apprehend Hostilitys may soon commence in India, you are therefore to take all proper Measures for putting the Settlement under your Charge in the best posture of defence you possibly can and for that purpose you are to cause proper surveys to be taken of the Guns, Carriages and all other Stores and report the same to the Select Committee with whom you are to Correspond and whose directions you are to observe in all things relative to the Military and the Security of the Settlement.

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 8th. Instant and shall send you a supply of Twenty thousand Pagodas tomorrow by Peons overland. Your Two Drafts on us for Pags. 5959. 16. 16 in favour of Captain John Durand and Pagodas 2207. 26 to Mr. Henry Kellsall shall be duely discharged.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 12TH. MAY 1756.

We are
GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

No. 49.

TO THOMAS HODGES ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS
AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We are to acknowledge the receit of your Letters of the 24th. December 16th Jañry and 24th. Febry, the last of which brought us the agreable News of the surrender of Gheriah and the destruction of Angria's fleet which we hope will prove of General advantage.

Our Honble Masters Ship the Delawar arrived here from Europe the 9th. Instant, she left England the beginning of November and brings advice that Hostilitys had been commenced in America between the British and French Nations and a Great many French Ships had been taken by our Men of War thó War was not then declared, but these Circumstances give room to believe it shortly would be, and we are therefore caution'd to be on our Guard which we communicate that you may be so likewise.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 12TH. MAY 1756.

We are
GENTLEMEN

Your Most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

No. 50.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By order of the President and Council and agreable to their Advices yesterday. This accompanys twenty thousand Pagodas now sent you under charge of forty Peons.

Fort St. George
13th. May 1756.

I am
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
Jos: Du Pre.
Secry.

No. 51.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our Address of the 11th. Instant we are favour'd with yours of the 26th. March by the Syren Sloop with Duplicate of those by the Mermaid dated 26th. and 29th. March which Sloop is not yet arrived.

We are landing the Salt Petre &ca. from the Syren and shall shortly return her to you fully laden with Redwood and propose to do the same by the Mermaid when she arrives, one or both of these Sloops we intend shall call at Vizagapatam in their way to the Bay to land the necessary supplys of Treasure for the Northern Settlements, we had intended to have sent you by the Present Conveyance a Consignment of Treasure but we shall now defer it till the departure of the Sloops as the Freight we should otherwise have been oblig'd to pay will be saved.

As we expect to have Bales enough with the Salt Petre your Honour &ca. have sent us to compleat the Delawar's Tonnage by the beginning of July we propose to return her directly to Europe we shall be better able to judge by the time of dispatching the latter Ships to you whether we shall have sufficient Bales in October to assist in any and what part of another Ships loading and shall then write your Honour &ca. accordingly.

We observe the proportions in which your Honour &c. now desire to have the Treasure sent down to you and we shall Comply accordingly.

We sometime ago sent a Ship to relieve the Prince George at the Negrais as your Honour &ca. have been advis'd in our Letter of the 13th. April. We hope you have been able to procure a Vessell on Freight to supply that Settlement with provisions as we observe by Mr. Brookes Letter to you they were in danger of want, we propose also as soon as we can find a Conveyance (which we hope will be shortly) to send them a supply of Rice.

Mr. Thomas Blagg who arrived here last year from Europe recommended to succeed to a Vacant Lieutenancy at your Presidency takes his Passage to you on the Neptune by which you will receive this.

After the Dispatch of our last Letter to you we received the accompanying Packet from the Commander of the Delawar which we now forward to you, and are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 20TH. MAY 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

No. 52.

TO CHARLES BODDAM ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL
AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote you the 11th. Instant and agreable to our Promise now Consign you on the Neptune Snow Fifteen Thousand Madrass Pagodas of which Five Thousand are for your Use and the remainder equally for Ingeram and Bandarmalanka, we shall shortly send you a further supply both of Pagodas and Rupees by one of the Companys Bengall Sloops.

In your Letter of the 7th. April you promised to send us proposals for undertaking the Package of the Companys Bales but we have not yet receivd them. The Gentlemen at Ingeram and Bandarmalanka offer to Contract at 2¼ Starr or Current Pagodas ℔ White Bale and 18 Fanams ℔ Brown Bale, we have Contracted here with our Export Warehouse-keeper at the rate of two Pagodas ℔ Bale exclusive of Packers Wages and we see no reason why it may not be done at the Northern Settlements for the same price.

All the Cloth received from you in Jañry being now sorted the remarks we have to make on it are that the Uppara Ordinary is pretty Good and we should be Glad to have as large a proportion of your whole Investment in that Sortment as can be procur'd in preference to the Boney Cloth which is but Indifferent tho' much superiour to the Tooney Cloth this last being very bad. The other Cloths of your Investment are passable.

Enclos'd you will receive an Account Sortment of part of your Investment the Account of the rest shall be sent you by the next Conveyance.

Mr. John Lewin Smith now returns to you by the Neptune Snow.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 20TH. MAY 1756.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

No. 53.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Our last was dated the 11th. Instant and we have since receĕd your of the 15th. Ultº.

Either the Soukars have inform'd you wrong, or you have not properly explain'd what we conceive to be your meaning in regard to the Pagodas lately sent you, the Complaint you say is that they are deficient in touch, whereas on an accurate assay they appear to be equal to their proper touch but we imagine the real objection is to the allay which happens to be chiefly Copper and the Gold allay'd with silver is in greatest Esteem with the Northern Merchants tho' in reality Gold of a certain Standard, whether allay'd with Copper or Silver in all other places is of equal value it is not always in our power to remedy this without great Loss in the Coinage, however we shall endeavour as much as possible to send you Pagodas of the proper Allay when it happens otherwise you must use your best endeavours to get them pass'd in doing which you may acquaint the Sowkars and Merchants with the Information we have now given you.

You must observe in future that the Company are not to be put to any Expence for Clothing the Military, but the first as well as all other Clothing is to be provided by the Captain of the Company who should always keep a sufficient quantity in readiness to answer any extraordinary Occasions.

We think there is no occasion for opening a Head of Servants Wages on your Books it will be sufficiently clear if all Constant Charges are carried to account under the Head of Charges General.

We have under Consideration what you say of the difference between the former Invoice prices, of your Cloth and those lately fix'd, we shall have an opportunity of writing to you again shortly and shall then give you our directions fully.

The Proposal you make of undertaking the Package of the Bales we do not entirely approve we have Contracted here for the Package of ours at two Pagodas ℔ White Bale exclusive of Packers wages and the Contrater took all the Companys Packing Stuff remaining in the Godown at Prime Cost, he finds he shall be no loser by the Contract and we think you may well afford to do it at the same rate as all the articles of Packing stuff taken on an average generally turn out as cheap at your Settlement as here. The offer of Packing the Brown Bales at Eighteen Fanams we agree to.

Your last Consignment of Cloth has been all sorted and we are sorry we say no better of it than that it is pass'd thô in General much Inferior to the Vizagapatam Cloth and an amendment is absolutely necessary.

We shall endeavour by degrees to supply you with the full sum you tell us you hope to Invest, and to keep your Merchants employ'd we now send Five Thousand Pagodas to Vizagapatam for your Use, you shall receive a further Sum Shortly.

Your account Sortment shall be sent by the next Conveyance.

Fort St. George
20th. May 1756.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Percevall.
John Smith.

No. 54.

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident
at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 3d Instant.

From Ingeram we have the same Complaint you make of the Madrass Pagodas lately sent, but you have both been misinform'd by the Shroffs or you have not properly explain'd their meaning. The Gold is actually of the proper touch, but the allay mixt with it happens to be chiefly Copper whereas the Northern Merchants esteem that Gold most which is allay'd with Silver, this kind cannot allways be procured, as often as it can be had we shall make our Consignments to you in it, but when it happens otherwise you must endeavour to get them pass'd and you may assure the Merchants that no money shall ever come out of our Mint deficient in any Respect of its just value.

In the payment of our Washers, Servants &ca. the 10 ℔ Cent may be added according to the new method we have prescribed.

We observe what you say of the difference between the former Invoice prices of your Cloth and those we lately fix'd we shall examine into it and give you our directions by the next opportunity.

We have contracted here for the Package of our Bales at 2 Pagodas ℔ Bale exclusive of Packers Wages the Contractor taking all the remains of Packing Stuff at prime Cost and he finds he shall be no loser, we therefore cannot approve of your proposal at $2\frac{1}{4}$ Pagodas ℔ White Bale and as all articles of Packing stuff taken on an average generally turn out as reasonable with you as here we think it might be done on the same terms, your proposal for packing the Brown Bales at 18 fanams ℔ Bale we accept.

We mentioned to you in our last that we did not think large Sums could be safely lodged at Bandarmalanka in these precarious times, we shall supply you gradually from time to time and we hope upon the whole to furnish you with the full Sum your Merchants say they can Invest, we now Consign Five thousand Pagodas to Vizagapatam for your use and a further supply shall shortly follow.

The Last Consignment of Cloth turns out in General Inferiour to the Vizagapatam Investment we have reason to expect it should be full as Good and you must seriously endeavour to amend it. Your account Sortments shall be forwarded by the next opportunity.

Fort St. George
the 20th. May 1756.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
William Perceval.
John Smith.

No. 55.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

Yesterday we took the opportunity of sending you by his Majestys Ship Bridgwater Fifty thousand Rupees and Twenty thousand Pagodas, the Invoice and Bill of Loading are now forwarded.

Having by the Delawar received directions from our Honble Masters to put their artillery Companys on a new footing we send you herewith a Copy of their Commands which you will communicate to Captain D'Illens and give directions for new regulating his Company accordingly. The Commission Officers we have appointed to it are

Benjamin Godwin Esqr.	Captain Lieutenant.
John Dickenson Gentn.	1t. Lieutenant.
John Jennings Gentn.	2nd. Lieutenant.
Nicholas Bonjour Gent.	Lieutt. Fire Workers.
John Francis Raillard Gent. ..	
Thomas Ford Gentleman	

On an enquiry whether the moneys remitted from Fort St. David to Captain Schaub at Pondicherry for the payment of his Detachment as well as the English Prisoners there, was justly appli'd or not, we find that your Military Paymaster made those remittances upon abstracts only instead of Rolls, and as we have some reason to imagine those abstracts were not without Error, we have called upon Captain Schaub to lay before us Copys of the Monthly Rolls of his Detachment which were Prisoners at Pondicherry and of the English Prisoners paid by him, with a list of Deaths and desertions expressing the particular day when each happen'd but he acquaints us that he has not kept any Copys or Accounts of this affair, we are inform'd it is customary for the Swiss officers to keep Journals or Minutes of all occurrences and Transactions relating to their respective Corps you are therefore to demand of Captain Schaub's Officers a Copy of such Rolls and List as are abovemention'd and in case they should not be able to furnish you with them you will then require an explanation from their Memorys and particularly of these circumstances, That in the space of 14 Months the original number of Prisoners of Captain Schaub's Detachment being 92 persons was deminish'd only by three persons and reduced to 89 but in the month of October 1752 when Captain Scaub [*sic*] was called upon for Monthly Rolls the Detachment appears to be suddenly reduced to 49 persons, in like manner with the English Prisoners, their number in May 1753 was 127 persons and in the space of six months appear to be lessen'd only by two officers who were releas'd on their Paroles but upon a demand of Rolls in the Month of November the number is at once reduced by 18 men and in the Month following by twenty more, these enquirys you will make as soon as possible and acquaint us with the result.

Should any of the Ships from Europe this season touch at Fort St. David you will land and open the Box Packets from the Court of Directors to us and after taking out the Letters for Admiral Watson, the Gentlemen of the Squadron, yourselves, and others at St. David, seal up the Box again and return it on Board of the same Ship, you have also our permission to land from any of them all the Military and such of the Stores Consign'd to us as you may have occasion for and should the Madeira Ship happen to be one you may land the same Quantity of Wine as we supply you with last year for the use of the Companys Servants Civill and Military, the Squadron and Regiment waiting

our further directions for the Price, and observing that previous to your landing any, a regular survey be made of the stowage of the Hold by two experienc'd persons, who are to deliver you their report thereof in writing. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friend &
Servant

GEORGE PIGOT
&CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
20 MAY 1756.

No. 56.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

Having come to a resolution to return the Delawar to England the beginning of July, all the Bales we can get together will be of Service in making up her Tonnage, we would therefore have you get what brown Cloth is on hand cur'd as expeditiously as possible and send us up by the first Conveyance what Bales you have now ready and the remainder as opportunitys offer.

The Cowle for the Trevendeporum Bound Rent expiring the 30th. of next Month let publick Notice be given by affixing advertisements at the usual places in your Bounds that we shall Let that Farm by Publick outcry at the Sea gate at this Settlement on Tuesday the 22d. day of June next at Eleven o'Clock in the forenoon for one Year to Commense the 1st. of July next, to the highest Bidder provided he be a responsible person or capable of giving such security for the performance of Covenants as we shall approve.

We are

GENT

Your Affect. Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 27TH. MAY 1756.

No. 57.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having laden on the Syren Sloop what Redwood she can carry we now return her to you and have also Consign'd you by her Nine Chests of Arcot and three Chests of Bullion having no Madrass Rupees ready, this is all the Treasure we can spare till the arrival of further supplys from Europe. The Commander of this Sloop is under Orders to touch at Vizagapatam to Land some Consignments for the Northern Settlements.

The Mermaid did not arrive here till the 24th. Ulto. and will be shortly return'd to you with Redwood and as the quantity these two Sloops can carry will be but small we shall send the remainder of what you Indent for at Freight on the Norwood the Companys Ships being Seldom able to take in any.

The Commander of the Syren having indented for Sundry Stores for the use of the Sloop we suppli'd him and enclose a List of them.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 9TH. JUNE 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
ROBERT CLIVE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

No. 58.

TO CHARLES BODDAM ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL
AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote the 20th. Ulto. by the Neptune and have since receiv'd your Letter of the 24th. April. It would have been more agreable to us had you sent a larger Quantity of Paddy by the George or as you say she could not carry any more, if you had sent Rice in lieu Provisions being much wanted at the Negrais, We hope therefore you have provided a full Loading of Rice for the Arcot Snow agreable to our directions of the 11th. Febry. and 24th March. We have appointed Mr. Edward Bib to Command that Vessell and he now proceeds to you on the Syren Sloop. We hope by the time he arrives the Arcot Snow will be in readiness to proceed to the Negrais to which place we would have her dispatch'd as soon as possible with as much Rice as she can carry Consign'd to the Chief of that Settlement and here we must remind you of our former directions to pay off all arrears of Wages to the time of Dispatch and advance four Months Impress advising us as well as the Chief of that Settlement of your having done so.

By the Syren Sloop we send you a Reinforcement of Thirty one Military for the service of your Garrison, and enclose a List of their Names, Ensign Meyers may remain with you.

We have appointed Captain Beaver Commander of your Garrison in the room of Captain Gardner who remains here he proceeds to you on the Syren.

We also Consign you by the same Vessell Thirty Thousand Arcot Rupees and ten thousand Madrass Pagodas for your Investment and in the same Chest of Pagodas are Twenty thousand more, ten thousand of which are to be forwarded to Ingeram and then thousand to Maddapollam.

In our directions of the 24th. March in relation to the Invoice prices of your Cloth there was a mistake in that of the Long Cloth Middling which instead of there mention'd you will observe to Invoice thus.

LONG CLOTH MIDLING—
No. 1 @ 61 Star Pagodas ℔ Corge.
2 59 Do.
3 57 Do.

Herewith you will receive the account Sortment of the remainder of your Cloth. We have only to remind you to advise us from time to time of the Progress you make in your Investment and particularly to Inform us as near as you can judge what Quantity we may expect by September.

The Commander of the Syren has our Orders to proceed to Bengal immediately after landing the Consignments to you.

We have appointed Mr. John Elly a Lieutenant Fireworker of the Second Company of Artillery his Commission comes herewith.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 9TH. JUNE 1756.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
ROBERT CLIVE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

No. 59.

To FOSS WESTCOTT ESQR.
AT INGERAM.

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 6th. Ultimo the Indent it enclos'd for stationary shall be compli'd with when we receive our supplys from Europe.

Since our last of the 20th. May having compar'd what you say of the Prices of your Cloth with the Directions we gave you the 24th. March we find there was a mistake in the Long Cloth Midling the ten ℔ Cent not being added to the Madrass Pagodas to bring them into Current you will therefore instead of the prices there mentiond Invoice your Long Cloth Midling Vizt.

No.	1	@	61 Star Pags.	℔ Corge.
	2		59	Do.
	3		57	Do.

The prices of all or the Greatest part of the other Cloaths being settled according to the former prices of the Vizagapatam Cloths are to remain agreable to our directions of the 24th. March.

By the Honble Companys Sloop Syren we have Consign'd to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam Ten Thousand Madrass Pagodas for your Investment, The greatest part of which are allay'd entirely with Silver. We are preparing further Supplys which shall be sent as opportunitys offer.

We must remind you to acquaint us whenever you write what success you meet with in your Investment and give us as early information as you can what quantity of Cloth we may depend on from you in September.

The Account Sortment of your Cloth comes inclos'd.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 9TH. JUNE 1756.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.
ROBERT CLIVE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.

Since closing the foregoing we have received your Letters of the 18th. and 25th. May and observe what you say of your Fortifications, but we do not by any means approve of your putting the Company to any expence for their Repair.

N°. 60.

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at
Bandarmalanka.

Sir

We have Consign'd to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam on Account of your Investment Ten Thousand Madrass Pagodas which are to be forwarded to you from thence; the greatest part of these are allay'd with Silver; you may expect further supplys as opportunitys offer. As soon as you can form a good judgment what Quantity of Cloth you shall be able to send us up in September you will advise us particularly, that we may be guided in our disposition of Tonnage.

We find there was a mistake in our Directions of the 30th. March in relation to the Prices of your Long Cloth Midling having omitted to add the ten ℘ Cent to the Madrass Pagodas to make them Current so that instead of the Prices we then settled you will observe to Invoice your Long Cloth Midling

N°.	1	at 61	Star Pagodas ℔' Corge.
	2	59	D°.
	3	57	D°.

The Prices of all the other Cloths being settled conformable to the Vizagapatam former Invoice prices, we have not made any other alteration in our directions of the 30th. March.

The Account Sortments of your Cloth comes enclos'd.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 9th. June 1756.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
Charles Bourchier.
Robert Clive.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

N°. 61.

To the Chief of the Negrais.
for the time.

Sir

We dispatch'd the ship George from hence the 24th. March to land some Stores at Vizagapatam and then proceed to you with as much paddy as she could carry which we directed the Gentlemen at that Settlement to put on board her, but we are advised from thence that the Ship proving leaky in the Passage there was a necessity for refitting her which occasion'd her detention

there till the 22d. April, and we are sorry to learn she carry'd you but a small Quantity of Paddy as we find by a Copy of a Letter from Mr. Brooke to the President and Council at Bengal dated 19th. Febry. that the Island was in Distress for provisions, the Gentlemen at the Bay write us the 29th. March that they were about returning the Hunter Schooner to you fully laden with provisions and should endeavour to procure another Vessell for the same purpose both which we hope will be with you long before this, however lest anything should have prevented their arrival we have directed the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to return the Arcot Snow to you with all possible expedition with a full loading of Rice and as soon as we can get a small vessell here on Freight we shall send you a further supply.

Our Honble Masters Ship Delawar arrived here from Europe the 9th. of last Month she left England the beginning of November and brings advice that Hostilitys had been commenced between the British and French Nations in America and that near three hundred Sail of French Ships had been taken and where [*sic*] actually brought into our Ports tho' the War was not then declard but it was probable it might be shortly after, we gave you this Notice that you may be as much on your Guard as possible and take all necessary precautions should we receive the news of a declaration of War we shall give you as early Advice as possible.

In our Letter to you of the 24th. March by the George we directed the Companys Ship Prince George to be sent away immediately to Bengal to be repaired which we hope has been done as we observe by Mr. Brookes advices to the Gentlemen there she is in Great Want of it, in case any accident to the George should have prevented the Dispatch of the Prince George to the Bay you must send her away immediately on the arrival of the Arcot Snow.

As the Negrais has been very unhealthy it is not our intentions [*sic*] to keep any of the Companys Servants there contrary to their Inclinations if they find any Ill Effects from it. Therefore if you should find your Health endanger'd and should be desirous of returning on that Account you have our permission to do so, leaving the Charge of the Settlement and its Dependencies to Mr. Whitehill or in case of his Death or absence [*sic*] to the Senior Officer, and if any other of the Companys Servants should through Illness be desirous of returning for the recovery of their Health you will permit them to do so acquainting us with the reasons.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
Charles Bourchier
Robert Clive.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

Fort St. George

the 9th. June 1756.

No. 62.

To Captain John Smith
of the Honble Companys Sloop Syren.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam and on your arrival there deliver the accompanying Packet to the Chief and Council whose directions you are to follow in landing the Treasure and Military Consign'd to them which being done you are to proceed directly to the River of Bengal and on your Arrival at Fort William deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 9th. June 1756.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
Charles Bourchier.
Robert Clive.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

No. 63.

To Mr. Dawsonne Drake
Provisional Chief of
Deve Cotah.

Sir

The accounts of the Settlement of Deve Cotah having run into some Confusion we are about adjusting here what is past and to prevent any thing of that kind in future we direct that you open a Sett of Books Commencing the 1st. of May last in which all the Articles, at that time remaining in the Settlement on the Honble Companys Account are to be regularly digested under proper heads, and if in the Course of this Work you should meet with any difficulties in respect to form or Method you are to Correspond with our Accountant and follow his plan and directions.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 9th. June 1756.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
Charles Bourchier.
Robert Clive.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.

No. 64.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have Received your Letter of the 30th. Ulto. and have given directions to the proper Officer to comply with the List of Stores you sent us For Trichenopoly as soon as the several articles can be procurd.

You will send us with your next an Invoice of the six Pound Guns brought up by the Success Galley.

Our Honble Masters having directed us to send them a parcell of Indigo as a Muster we would have you purchase of the 1st. 2d., 3d. sorts about five Candys of each and send it up in time to go on the Delawar. This being intended as a Sample we would have you take all the care you can to procure the best in each kind that is made in or about the Settlement and make good enquiry what quantity might be annually procur'd.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends
and Servants

George Pigot
&ca. Council.

Fort St. George
11th June 1756.

No. 65.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council.
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

The Honble Court of Directors having been pleas'd to appoint Robert Clive Esqr. to be Deputy Governour of Fort St. David, he purposes to set out tomorrow morning. On his Arrival therefore he is to be receiv'd with the usual Honours, and Mr. Starke the present Deputy Governour will deliver over to him the Charge of the Settlement, after which Mr. Starke may come up hither to take his Seat at the Board whenever it suits his Convenience.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends and Servants

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Robert Orme.
William Perceval.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier

Fort St. George
the 18th. June 1756.

No. 66.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

By the Ship Orixa bound to your Port we take the opportunity to Consign you Eighty Bales of Broad Cloth and three Bales of Long Ells rece'd this season from England by the Delawar with directions from our Honble Masters to forward them to you by the first opportunity. The Invoice and Bill of loading are enclos'd, and the Musters you will receive seperately from the Commander of the Orixa.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Humble Servants

George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 20th. June 1756.

No. 67.

To Mr. Dawsonne Drake
Provisional Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir,

We have receiv'd your two Letters of the 15th. and 16th. Instant.

The Accounts you desire shall be shortly sent you.

We have wrote to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David to supply you with the Hospital Cloathing you Indent for.

If your Commandant can recommend the two Military whose times are expired as proper Men for the Train you may relist them and draught them for the Train Service but not otherwise.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
22 June 1756.

No. 68.

To Robert Clive Esqr.
Deputy Governr. &ca. Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have reced your two Letters of the 7th. & 17 Instant.

We cannot form a judgment of the value of the Companys Plate and Furniture which you think overrated untill we see the list of them which you will therefore send us.

The Juncan claim'd by the former Deve Cotah Renters is now under Consideration we shall give you our directions on it very shortly.

The request of the Trevendeporum Renters to be allowd Eleven days in their Cowle for the difference between the New and old Stile is but reasonable they are therefore to have all the Benefits arising from the Farm untill the 11th. of July inclusive.

Your Indents for Stores Civil and Military shall be compli'd with as soon as we are able, many of the Articles cannot be had untill we receive our Supplys from Europe, such as can be got ready shall be sent on the Dragon Sloop particularly the Timber.

Enclosed you will receive copy of an Indent sent us by the Chief of Deve Cotah for Hospital Cloathing which you will order to be provided and sent thither.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 22ND. JUNE 1756.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 69.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We address'd you the 10th. of May last to advise of the Arrival of our Honble Masters Ship Delawar, at her departure from England the State of Affairs were so Critical that we have waited with impatience for further advices but none are yet arrived tho it begins to grow late for the China Ships.

By the Orixa which sailed a few days ago bound to your Port we forwarded the Eighty three Bales of Cloth receed this Season from Europe on Account of your Presidency.

Your favour of 25th. April we received by His Majestys Squadron the 16th. May your Honour &ca. therein take Notice that the amount of our Draft on you and your remittances to us exceeds the Value of the Silver we Consign'd to Canton, and therefore you desire us to forward the difference to Bengal, We have only on this subject to request your Honour &ca. will debt this Presidency for the whole and we shall make as large Remittances to Bengal as the necessity of our Affairs will permit.

In the year 1752 we landed here from the Protector some four Pounder Guns which were consign'd to your Presidency that year from England, these we have not yet been able to bring properly to Account for want of knowing their Value, We shall therefore be oblig'd if your Honour &ca. will advise us at what rate they are Invoiced from England.

The Gentlemen at Bengal have desired us to forward the enclos'd Packet and yesterday we recēd one under your Address from the Gentlemen at Anjengo which being large comes seperately by these Pattamars.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 26TH. JUNE 1756.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 70.

TO ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

The accounts of your Settlement from July to February last both inclusive having been revised here by the Committee of Accounts as well as the several Reports of your Committee of Accounts on them, We now send you an Extract of so much of the report made by our said Committee as is necessary for your Information.

The form of the Cash and Rupee Accounts mention'd in the 3d. Paragraph of the Report, the form of a Monthly Account Currt. for the other Employs mention'd in the 7th. Para and Copies of a Months Journal parcells of our Storehouse and Military Storehouse mention'd in the 10th. Paragraph, are sent you herewith that you may conform thereto.

In regard to the purchase of Stores mentiond in the 9th Paragraph, we recommend it to you to Inform yourselves very particularly from time to time of the Prices of all kind of Stores required for the Companys Service and to direct your Storekeepers Civil and Military to provide them as they may be wanted at the most reasonable rates.

As all the materials expended on the Works as well as Cooley hire and other charges are particularized in the paymasters and Storekeepers Accounts, We think it will save much writing and answer the end of a Check if the Engineer instead of keeping a set of Accounts Certify at the foot of the Paymasters and Storekeepers Monthly Accounts that the Materials and Cooley hire &ca. therein Charged as expended and paid have actually been apply'd by him on the Companys works, you will therefore direct it to be done accordingly.

In all other respects what soever we approve of the observations and recommendations of Our Committee in their said Report and direct they be carried into execution.

We observe that sometimes when the report of your Committee is laid before your board no other notice is taken of it than ordering a Copy to be sent us it is true in Our Letter of the 12th. December we direct that a Copy of it be sent us with your Monthly Accounts, but we did not mean to prevent your giving such directions as you might judge proper for correcting the irregularitys represented, on the Contrary whenever any report is read at your Board such resolutions thereon as you think necessary should be erected on the minutes of your Consultation and an Extract of those Minutes sent us with a Copy of the Report.

The Disputes between Cawn Moodelaire and Tonneveroy Pillah being adjusted by arbitration a Copy whereof is now sent you we call'd upon them to discharge their Ballance to the Company which notwithstanding the award touching their private differences they stand jointly and seperately bound to Answer, but they plead a Total inability to pay off any part of it at present by reason of the large Sums which are outstanding and due to them by Sundry persons, they have laid before us List of these Debts which if just and recoverable are more than sufficient to discharge their Ballance, We theerfore send you Copies of them and recommend to you to give the Parties all reasonable Assistance in recovering what may appear to be justly due to them.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 26TH. JUNE 1756.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 71.

TO MR. DAWSONNE DRAKE
PROVISIONAL CHIEF OF
DEVE COTAH.

SIR

Having farm'd out the Bounds of Deve Cotah for one year Commencing the 1st. Day of June last to Christnah Row for the Rent of Pags. 9220 you will admit him or his Agents to the management thereof as Renters and give them all reasonable Countenance and assistance a Copy of the Cowle shall be sent you in a few days.

The Plan and Estimate made by Messrs. Call and Hume for repairing and rendering the Fort of Deve Cotah more defensible having been laid before us by the Select Committee to whom you sent it we approve of the Design and would have it carri'd into execution under the Inspection of Mr. Hume who will apply to you from time to time for materials and Assistance, you will therefore use your best endeavours that the work may be carried on effectually and with expedition, the Ditch may be left to the last if any obstacles or difficulties should arise you will give us early advice.

Your Rupees and Cash have hitherto been blended together in one Account which creates some Confusion, we would therefore have two distinct Accounts kept one of Rupees the other of Pagodas with double Setts of Collumns agreable to the forms sent you herewith, the difference between the real and nominal Exchange of Pagodas is to be wrote off Monthly to Batta but the Batta on Rupees may be wrote off in one sum at the end of the Year.

The Rupees Issu'd for paying the Seapoys in the Nabobs Service have hitherto been charg'd to him at the rate of 350 for 100 Pagodas, this method must be discontinued and all payments made in Rupees on the Nabobs account

must be charg'd to him at the Exchange of the day such Payments are made, and you will observe to model your Accounts according to these directions from the first day of May last when your new Books are to Commence.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 29TH. JUNE 1756.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 72.

TO ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

Having laden on the Honble Compys Sloop Dragon the Stores mention'd in the accompanying Invoice being in part of your Indent, we now return her to you, when these stores are landed the Vessell may be sent back to us for more. The sloop has been suppli'd with one Months Provisions and a Months Impress has been advanc'd her Crew, an account whereof comes enclos'd.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 1ST. JULY 1756.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 73.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We dispatch'd the Syren Sloop to you the 9th. Ultimo but detain'd the Mermaid that we might give you the earliest Advice that might come to us from Europe by the China Ships, Three of them arrived here a few days ago Viz. The Suffolk the 3d. Stormount the 4th. and the Godolphin the 5th. Instant, at their Departure from England the end of January nothing was determin'd, or at least made known in respect to Peace or War but the latter seem'd most probable, all other necessary Information we conclude is Given you in the accompanying Packet from our Honble Masters reced here by the Suffolk and we therefore forward it to you with all dispatch.

Our necessary Disbursements having entirely drain'd our Treasury we have not at present one Rupee to send you, the Treasure reced by the abovemention'd Ships now coining with all possible Expedition and we hope shortly to send you a Good supply by the Norwood in the mean time we Consign you by the Sloop Mermaid Fifteen Chests of Bullion, for the particulars whereof as well as the Redwood by the same Vessell we refer to the Enclos'd Invoice and Bill of Lading.

Last year we receivd from your Honour &c^{a}. Sixty Chests of Gunpowder by the Britannia The Invoice whereof was omitted to be sent and as we cannot bring this article to account without it we must desire you will send us one by the first opportunity.

The Master of the Mermaid Sloop having met with such bad Weather in the Passage hither as oblig'd him to throw part of the Sloops provisions overboard we have supplied him with more and have also advanced a Months pay, An Account of both are now sent herewith.

As we purpose sending as many Rupees by the Norwood as can be got ready we think it necessary to acquaint you we think she may be dispatchd from hence in about ten days, and as her Cargo will be valuable we hope a Sloop will be ready to meet her in Balasore Road.

We have reced another Packet from the Court of Directors under your Address, but being a Duplicate of that now sent we shall reserve it for the next Conveyance.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servant

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 8TH. JULY 1756.

N^{o}. 74.

To CAPTAIN ALEXANDER SCOTT
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL

SIR

You are hereby requir'd to repair on board and make the best of your Way to Fort William in the River of Bengal and on your Arrival You are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council there whose Orders you are to follow for your further Proceedings. DATED IN FORT S^{T}. GEORGE THE 8TH. JULY 1756.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 75.

To Charles Boddam Esqr.

Chief &ca. Council at
Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

The ships Suffolks Stormount and Godolphin arrived here a few days ago from England, by them we have receiv'd our Honble Masters Commands and among others it is their pleasure that Mr. Boddam do immediately quit his present Station of Chief of Vizagapatam and return to this Presidency, therefore on the Receit of this he will accordingly deliver over the Charge of the Settlement to Mr. John Lewin Smith whom we do appoint to receive the same as provisional Chief and to carry on the Business in the usual manner untill he receive our further directions.

We are

Fort St. George
the 8th. July 1756.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
William Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 76.

To Mr. John Lewen Smith
Provisional Chief &ca. Council.

Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

In our General Letter dated Yesterday address'd to Mr. Boddam &ca. Council we advised the arrival of three of our Honble Masters ships from England, at their Departure Publick affairs remain'd in the same doubtfull situation that we mention'd in our Letter of the 11th. May.

We have reced the Letter address'd to us by Mr. Boddam &ca. Coucil dated the 7th. Ulto. and observe what is said of the Package of the Bales. The Gentlemen at Ingeram and Madapollam as well as the Warehousekeepers here and at St. David have undertaken the Package of them at 2 Pagodas ℔ Bale and as we would have them put on the same footing at all the Settlements we cannot agree to allow more, Eighteen fanams ℔ Brown Bale being the same price we have settled at the two other Northern Settlements we accept your proposal.

Your Indents shall be complied with as opportunitys offer.

All the Unserviceable Arms mention'd in your Storekepers Report of decay'd Stores must be sent up hither. The other worn out and useless Stores as well as the Damag'd Cloth and Carpets must be put up at Outcry and sold for the most they will fetch, the difference between the Amount of the sale and the prices they stand on the Books must be wrote off to profit & loss as well as the amount of articles lost and deficient which we permit for the reasons you assign.

We have only to recommend to you a Strict Observance of the Orders we have already given in regard to your Investment, and we shall send you as large supplys of money as we can. We have now some Madrass Pagodas ready which shall be sent you by the first good Conveyance.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 9TH JULY 1756.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 77.

To FOSS WESTCOTT ESQR.
RESIENT AT
INGERAM.

SIR

Our Honble Masters Ships Suffolk Stormont and Godolphin imported here a few days ago at their Departure from England the end of January affairs remain'd much in the same scituation [*sic*] as at the departure of the Delawar.

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 6th. May and tho' your Soukars assert that the Pagodas are 5 ℔ Cent worse than they should be we cannot help thinking they are mistaken as our Assay Master (whose Assays we have not any reason to doubt) avers they are of their proper touch and weight but it is needless to anamadvert [*sic*] further on this subject as we purpose sending some of those Pagodas to Europe to be assay'd in the Tower.

The 9th. of last Month we sent ten thousand Pagodas to Vizagapatam for you we have more ready which shall be sent by the first safe Conveyance.

In your accounts for February we observe under the Head of Charges Merchandize an Extraordinary Freight of Sixty Pagodas charg'd for a few Wares and Stores sent you ℔ Nancy and Don Carlos which turns out near fifteen ℔ Cent on the Invoices, you must give us the reason of this Charge in your next.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
9TH. JULY 1756.

SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 78.

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident
at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

A few days ago our Honble Masters Ships Suffolk Stormount and Godolphin arrived here from England but we are still in as much uncertainty whether War or Peace will take place as when we advised you of the Delawars arrival.

We have receiv'd your two Letters of the [*Lacuna*] and 5th. June and by no means approve of your Erecting any new Batterys or other Works but in case a War should be declar'd of which we shall give you the earliest Notice. We approve of keeping a Vessell in readiness to secure the Companys Effects in case of Danger.

We sent ten thousand Madrass Pagodas for your Settlement the 9th. Ulto. by the Syren Sloop to Vizagapatam we have more ready which shall be forwarded by the first safe Conveyance.

In some former Letters we have taken Notice that your Accounts are not sufficiently Circumstantial, in Febry we observe that Cash is Debted to Paddy Pagodas 120 and to General Stores Pags. 19 without further particulars you should have express'd the quantity of Paddy and the Kind as well as ye. Quantity of Stores, and you will in future observe this direction as a General Rule in all Branches of your Accounts.

We are

Fort St. George
the 9th. July 1756.

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 79.

To Robert Clive Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 28th. June.

The Deputy Governour is to be paid the allowances as such from the time of his arrival at Bombay.

We observe at the end of the List of Plate and furniture you sent us an account is inserted of several Articles Deficient without mentioning by what means they became so except a Palanken and Tossells said to be sent hither and which therefore should be wrote off to this Presidency, if you are satisfy'd the other Articles said to be deficient are become so thro' unavoidable accident's or by wear, they may be wrote off to Profit and Loss; and such others as are unserviceable (for some are said to be so in the List) must be sold at Outcry for the most they will fetch and the difference also wrote off; the rest must be carried forward in the next Books at the Value they now stand at. The vast expence the Compy are at make it highly necessary we should be good Economists in every branch of their affairs, and we recommend it seriously

to your attention also to begin with a small Instance, let no more Plate or Furniture be made up on the Companys account without first accquainting us of the necessity and having our Permission.

Mr. James Broabent [*sic*] having requested to resign the Honble Companys Service and return to Europe, he has our permission to do so and may come up hither to take his Passage.

Notwithstanding the Ill success that attended the attempts made here and at St. David to Contract for the Investment, by giving Publick Notice that the most reasonable Terms would be accepted, and tho our representations on this head to our Honble Masters were very full yet it is their pleasure that the same Method be Still pursued you will therefore cause Publick Notice to be Given by affixing Advertisements in the usual places that all persons who may be inclin'd to Contract for providing any part of the Companys Investment may deliver their proposals to you in writing within two Months from the date of such Notice and in the mean time that Musters of the Several Species of Goods may be view'd at the Warehouse should any proposals be made to you in consequence of Such Notice you will transmit us Copys thereof with your opinion thereon as well as of the Circumstances and abilities of the proposer.

As it is necessary the Nabobs account should be fully and clearly Stated, that his Debt to the Company allready [*sic*] Contracted may be exactly ascertain'd as well as that which may hereafter accrue, we have directed our accountant to lay before us an exact account thereof you will therefore on his application to you cause such Accounts to be drawn out from your Books as he may think necessary for that purpose, and as we purpose sending this account home by the Delawar we should be Glad to have it in a few days.

Our Honble Masters having been pleas'd to direct that the works at Fort St. David shoud be Conducted in the same manner as those at this Settlement you will appoint a Committee for Conducting them consisting of two of the members of your Board, whom you shall think best qualified for that purpose, and Mr. Call; it must be an Instruction to this Committee to Consider of ways and Means for carrying on the Companys Works with Economy and to the Greatest advantage, as well in providing materials, as in all other branches and they are to report their proceedings to you from time to time, and carry into execution all such directions as you shall think proper to give them altho Publick Notice has been given here that all persons who might be inclin'd to supply the Company with Bricks or other Materials might deliver in their proposals, yet we have not receiv'd any that we think so much to the Companys advantage in every respect as providing them by the Committee for the Companys account however as it is proper the Tryal should be made you will give such Notice previous to your resolving on any other Method, and fix on such as seem best in all respects.

The Court of Directors Judging it proper for the better Conducting their affairs at Fort St. David that one of the Members of the Council, at the Presidency should allways be second at Fort St. David and constantly reside there, they have thought proper to appoint Mr. Alexr. Wynch to that Station, as a Gentleman well versed in the Civil Branch of their Affairs, and he will accordingly proceed to you after the Departure of the Delawar now under Dispatch for Europe.

That we may be enabled to give our Employers a clear view of the Companys Expences on this Coast in pensions you will cause to be drawn out an Exact List of all persons who receive Pensions of any kind from the Company, expressing in Columns their Names, Age, Country, former Station or Employ, the Pension they receive, By what accidents they became disabled, or on what Account they were admitted on the List, and the present Circumstances of their several Cases, which List you will transmit us in time, to be sent to England by the Delawar.

We have farmed out the Trevendeporum Bounds to Linga Chetty for one Year commencing the 12th. Instant you will therefore give him and his Agents all reasonable Countenance and assistance a Copy of the Cowle is sent you herewith.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 9TH. JULY 1756.

No. 80.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Three of our Honble Masters Ships arrived here a few days ago Vizt. Soffolk the 3d. Stormont the 4th. and Godolphin the 5th. Instant bound to Canton they left England the last day of January in Company with the Carnarvon also for this Port and China and the Marlbro for Madeira Coast and Bay so that we are in hourly expectation of the two last, at their Departure it still remain'd uncertain whether peace or War would take place, but the General Opinion inclin'd to the latter, the accompanying Packet which We are directed to forward will we conclude give you all other necessary information.

We purpose returning the Delawar directly to England she is now taking in her loading and we hope will be ready to sail in a fortnight.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 11TH. JULY 1756.

No. 81.

To Thomas Hodges Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors
at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

Our last was Dated 12th. May and we have since received yours of the 8th. of that month. We are now to advise you of the Arrival of our Honble Masters ships, Suffolk Stormont and Godolphin bound to this Port and China they sail'd from Spithead the last of January in Company with the Caernarvon also for this Place and China and the Marlbro for Madeira Coast and bay at their Departure nothing was determined with respect to peace or War tho the latter seem'd most probable.

The Delawar is now taking in her loading for Europe and we expect she will be ready to sail in about a fortnight.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 11th. July 1756.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 82.

To George Scott Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors
at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 31st. May with the Packet for the President and Council of Bombay which was forwarded the 26th. Ultimo.

Our Honble Masters Ship Delawar arrived here from England the 9th. May and within these few days the Suffolk Stormont and Godolphin also imported here being bound to Canton they left England the last of January in Company with the Caernarvon and Marlbro which two last are not yet arriv'd. For sometime before the Departure of the Delawar Hostilitys had been commenced in America between the British and French Nations and our Cruizers had taken and brought into our Ports above three hundred Sail of French Merchant ships the same Measures continued at the Departure of the last ships tho the French made no reprisals, nor had any declaration of War been made, or Letters of Mart granted on either Part, but as it is reasonable to expect War may be the Consequence of these Measures, we give you this Notice that you may be on your Guard.

We purpose dispatching the Delawar immediately back to Europe, she is now taking in her loading and we hope will be ready to sail in about a fortnight.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 11TH. JULY 1756.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 83.

To MR. DAWSONNE DRAKE
PROVISIONAL CHIEF OF
DEVE COTAH.

SIR

Our Honble Masters in their Commands lately receiv'd having Signified to us that as you a Second time refus'd going to the West Coast, it is their pleasure to Dismiss you from their Service you will therefore on receit of this Letter deliver over the Charge of the Settlement with all the Honble Companys Effects to Mr. James Bourchier observing as usual to sign Interchangeably with him an Exact Account remains, you will then repair hither as soon as you have settled your own private Affairs.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 12TH. JULY 1756.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 84.

To MR. JAMES BOURCHIER
CHIEF OF DEVE COTAH.

SIR

Having appointed you to be Chief of the Honble Companys Settlement of Deve Cotah you will repair thither as soos as possible and on your Arrival deliver to Mr. Dawsonne Drake the present Provisional Chief of Accompanying Letter containing directions to him to deliver over the Charge of the Settlement with all the Companys Effects to you, you will therefore receive the same

into your Charge accordingly and that it may fully appear what Effects are so receiv'd by you, two exact Accounts remains are to be drawn out and interchangeably sign'd by Mr. Drake and you, for the Contents whereof you are thenceforth to be accountable.

We have lately given directions for adding some new works to the Fort of Deve Cotah and repairing the Old, these are to be carried on under The Inspection of Mr. John Hume as Engineer Subject to your directions as Chief of the Settlement, and we recommend to you to concert with him the proper means for providing the necessary Materials at the most reasonable rates you will observe by the Plan and Estimate of the propos'd Works (to be receiv'd from Mr. Drake) that two new Counter Guards are to be erected and a Ditch dug round the Fort, We would have these as they are the most costly deferr'd untill the other proposed Works and repairs are finished when they are well advanced you will Inform us of the progress made therein that you may have our further directions how to proceed. In all other respects you are to be guided by the directions which have allready [*sic*] been given for the Management of the Compys Affairs at that Settlement.

We have lately Farm'd out the Deve Cotah Bounds to Christnah Row for one Year commencing the 1st. day of last June you are therefore to give him and his Agents all reasonable Countenance and Assistance. You will observe by the Cowle (a Copy whereof is herewith delivered you) a Clause is inserted whereby the Renter is restrained in the Cutting of Firewood without leave previously obtained, our Intention is not to exclude him from the advantage of cutting wood, but to prevent his doing it in improper [places] We are informed there are great Quantitys of wood growing round about and rather too near to the Fort this should [be] first cleared and then such other places as may best improve the Bounds, Consult Lieutenant Hume on this Head a [. .] upon application to you by the Renter you will permit him to cut wood in such places as you shall think will best answer these purposes.

It is necessary we should be Particularly inform'd from time to time of the Articles Issu'd for the Nabob's Service and carri'd to his Debit, Our Accountant being fully instructed by us on this head you will correspond with [him] and furnish him with such Materials from the Daily Books as he may require as well in regard to the Past as the future that he may be enabled to lay the proper Accounts before us.

As soon as possible after your arrival at Deve Cotah you must draw out and transmit us a List of all the persons at that Settlement receiving Pensions from the Company expressing in Columns their Names, Age, Country, former Station or employ the Pension they receive, By what accidents they became disabled, or on what account they were admitted on the list and the present Circumstances of their Several Cases, this list if possible must be sent us in time to be forwarded to England by the Delawar.

Fort St. George
12th July 1756.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 85.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
Resident & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Last night we receiv'd your three Letters of the 25th. May 4th. and 7th. June and have a very deep Concern as well as the great loss the Company have already sustain'd by the surrender of Cossembuzar to the Nabob, as at the Danger you are threaten'd with at Calcutta our Duty to the Company as well as an earnest desire to give you all the Assistance in our Power has determin'd us to dispatch the Delawar to you with two Compleat Companys of Europeans, which are all the succours we can at this time spare Consistently with the safety of this Coast these will be commanded by Major Killpatrick with other proper Officers, besides two Good Train [*sic*] officers with some Field pieces, We hope this reinforcement will be with you a few days after if not as soon as these advices as we expect the Troops will be embark'd in three or four days at farthest. We advised you in a former Letter of our Intention to send you a Quantity of Redwood and a Good supply of Rupees by the Norwood, We have accordingly laden and Consign'd to you the Particulars mention'd in the accompanying Invoice which we hope may arrive in time to do you good service.

Fort St. George
the 14th. July 1756.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Humble Servants

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 86.

To Captain James Smith
of the Ship Norwood.

Sir

Having laden the Treasure and Redwood design'd for Bengal on your Ship you are directed to [repair] on board and make the best of your way for the River [of] Bengal where you will deliver the accompanying Packets to the President and Council to whom you are Consign'd.

Should you at the entrance into the river or in Ballasore Road be chas'd by any ship that you judge an Enemy before you have your Pilot on board it shall be a sufficient Authority and Indemnify you for running over the Braces yourself as far as relates to the Concern the Honble Company have on board your Ship you are to be particularly on your Guard, but in case of falling into the hand of an Enemy you are to destroy the Packets herewith deliver'd to you but not till the last Extremity.

Dated in Fort St. George the 14th. July 1756

George Pigot
&ca. Council

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